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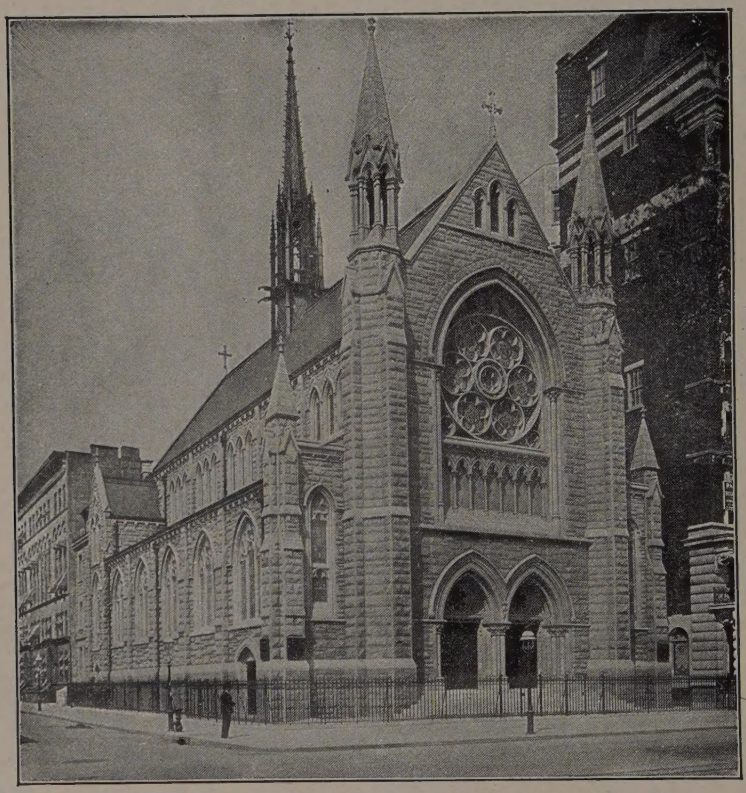

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The Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City, was organized January 27th, 1868. The Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., was called as its first pastor. The place of worship was purchased from a Dutch Reformed congregation on 21st Street, near Fifth Avenue. The congregation, under the leadership of Dr. Krotel, gathered to itself Lutherans of influence, and quickly attained a position of prominence in general religious work. Dr. Krotel's pastorate continued until 1895, when he resigned and was succeeded in 1896 by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D. Dr. Miller's pastorate developed a spirit of loyalty and activity among the young people of the Church and culminated in building the present beautiful church edifice, which was consecrated in 1904. With Dr. Miller's resignation in 1908, Rev. Charles J. Smith, D.D., became pastor. The congregation again found itself in a downtown district of the great metropolis striving to make its ministry permanent in the community where it is now located and where it feels that it occupies a peculiarly strategic position.

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Minutes of the First Convention of the United Lutheran Church

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
65th St. & Central Park West, New York, N. Y.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14, 1918, 3:30 P. M.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness."

By the providence of God, in answer to the longings and prayers of many hearts, the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, each and all took action favorable to merging their Bodies into the United Lutheran Church in America.

A Joint Committee on Ways and Means, consisting of representa tives appointed by the three Bodies above named was made up of the following members:

For the General Synod—Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D.D., Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Mr. W. L. Glatfelter, L. Russell Alden, Esq.

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For the United Synod—Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. A. R. Beck, Hon. C. M. Efird.

All preliminaries necessary for the formation of the new Body having been arranged by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, and having been favorably acted upon by the General Bodies concerned, the three Bodies met together and held the First Business Session of the United Lutheran Church in America in the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Central Park West and Sixty-fifth Street, New York, N. Y., as announced in the official "Notice" to the delegates, at 3:30 P. M., November 14th, 1918.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., conducted the devotional service. Hymn 146 in the new Common Service Book was sung. Dr. Scherer then led in prayer, and declared the First Meeting of the United Lutheran Church in America opened, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with the arrangement of the committee, occupied the chair and conducted the election for temporary officers.

The Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., Secretary of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, on behalf of the committee, according to its instruction, placed in nomination Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., of Lebanon, Pa., as Temporary President, and Rev. William M. Baum, Jr., D.D., of Canajoharie, N. Y., as Temporary Secretary, who were elected. Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., of Gettysburg, Pa., was elected Assistant Secretary of the Convention.

The Roll of Synods was called, each Synod reporting the number of delegates to which it is entitled and the number present, as herewith indicated:

Roll of Delegates to the United Lutheran Church in America, Present and Voting at the Preliminary Meeting on Thursday, November 14th, 3:30 P. M.

(GENERAL SYNOD)

Maryland Synod, organized 1820.		
Number of delegates	22	
Present and voting		22
West Pennsylvania Synod, organized 1825.		
Number of delegates	20	
Present and voting		19

East Ohio Synod, organized 1836.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		10
Alleghany Synod, organized 1842.		
Number of delegates	16	
Present and voting		16
East Pennsylvania Synod, organized 1842.		
Number of delegates	28	
Present and voting		28
Miami Synod, organized 1844.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		10
Pittsburgh Synod, organized 1845.		
Number of delegates	18	
Present and voting		18
Wittenberg Synod, organized 1847.		
Number of delegates	12	
Present and voting		12
Olive Branch Synod, organized 1848.		
Number of delegates	8	
Present and voting		8
Northern Illinois Synod, organized 1851.		
Number of delegates	12	
Present and voting		12
Central Pennsylvania Synod, organized 1855.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		10
Iowa Synod, organized 1855.		
Number of delegates	8	
Present and voting		7
Northern Indiana Synod, organized 1855.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		9
Central Illinois Synod, organized 1867.		
Number of delegates	4	
Present and voting		2
Susquehanna Synod, organized 1867.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		9
Kansas Synod, organized 1868.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		8
Nebraska Synod, organized 1871.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		9
Wartburg Synod, organized 1875.		
Number of delegates	8	
Present and voting		4
California Synod, organized 1891.		
Number of delegates	8	
Present and voting		6
German Nebraska Synod, organized 1890.		
Number of delegates	16	
Present and voting		6

Rocky Mountain Synod, organized 1891.		
Number of delegates	4	
Present and voting		3
Southern Illinois Synod, organized 1901.		
Number of delegates	2	
Present and voting		2
New York Synod, organized 1908.		
Number of delegates	28	
Present and voting		28
West Virginia Synod, organized 1912.		
Number of delegates	4	
Present and voting		3

(GENERAL COUNCIL)

Ministerium of Pennsylvania, organized 1748.		
Number of delegates	72	
Present and voting		70
Ministerium of New York, organized 1786.		
Number of delegates	30	
Present and voting		25
Pittsburgh Synod, organized 1845.		
Number of delegates	26	
Present and voting		25
District Synod of Ohio, organized 1861.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		9
Synod of Canada, organized 1861.		
Number of delegates	8	
Present and voting		4
Synod of the Northwest, organized 1891.		
Number of delegates	10	
Present and voting		10
Chicago Synod, organized 1896.		
Number of delegates	8	
Present and voting		8
Pacific Synod, organized 1892.		
Number of delegates	4	
Present and voting		4
Manitoba Synod, organized 1891.		
Number of delegates	4	
Present and voting		..
New York and New England Synod, organized 1902.		
Number of delegates	12	
Present and voting		12
Synod of Nova Scotia, organized 1903.		
Number of delegates	2	
Present and voting		..
Synod of Central Canada, organized 1909.		
Number of delegates	2	
Present and voting		2
Texas Synod, organized 1906.		
Number of delegates	2	
Present and voting		1

(UNITED SYNOD)

North Carolina Synod, organized 1803.		
Number of delegates	22	
Present and voting		16
Tennessee Synod, organized 1820.		
Number of delegates	24	
Present and voting		22
South Carolina Synod, organized 1824.		
Number of delegates	24	
Present and voting		13
Virginia Synod, organized 1829.		
Number of delegates	14	
Present and voting		11
Southwest Virginia Synod, organized 1842.		
Number of delegates	12	
Present and voting		12
Georgia Synod, organized 1860.		
Number of delegates	8	
Present and voting		6
Holston Synod, organized 1860.		
Number of delegates	4	
Present and voting		3
Mississippi Synod, organized 1855.		
Number of delegates	2	
Present and voting		1
Total	588	515

The following telegram was read:

"YONKERS, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1918.

"*United Lutheran Church in America,*

"Heartiest congratulations in your assembly. Read Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 14 to 19.

"ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE,
"Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America,
"REV. ALBERT G. LAWSON, *Chairman.*"

Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., read the official notice of meeting and application for incorporation as required by law.

Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., offered the following report on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The Ways and Means Committee of the United Lutheran Church recommends the following declarations on the religious and moral issues of the present for adoption by The United Lutheran Church:

WE DECLARE:

1. That our hearts are deeply moved with joy because our arms have succeeded in overthrowing autocracy, opening up the way for a larger liberty, and are standing ready to oppose all anarchy among the people of Europe;

2. That in common with all our fellow-citizens we rejoice at the momentous tidings that the great world war is ended, the tremendous loss of life stopped, autocracy overthrown, lust for empire punished, and the peoples of the world made more free, and that we give praise to Almighty God for the victory which He granted our arms, rejoice in the prospect of a just peace, and pray that the counsels of our representatives and those of our associates may be guided wisely so that righteousness may be firmly established among men;

3. That to maintain the order of the world we favor such an agreement of nations as shall be entirely unbiased and just to all who obey the laws that make for the common welfare of mankind, and as shall have adequate power to protect and defend the nations against any and all aggressors;

4. That there can be no final unity of mankind apart from the teachings of Jesus Christ, and that we will support all legitimate means in agreement with the pure Gospel to further the vital unity of mankind;

5. That we consider it especially in consonance with the Gospel, that the weak and small nations shall be given free, full and unhampered opportunity to develop their own national life;

6. That we deem it unchristian to seek national aggrandizement, to satisfy greed for expansion and the extension of unbridled commercialism by securing colonies and markets in other lands unjustly and to the detriment of less civilized peoples who are thereby exploited and hindered in their efforts to reach higher standards of life;

7. That in the intercourse of nations an honest and straightforward diplomacy, and open and fair conduct can be developed only in agreement with the divine revelation of truth and righteousness;

8. That mercy must temper justice in the demands of nations in place of severity and the claim of national honor based upon mere power;

9. That we believe the root of war to be sin, and consider it our duty to testify against all national and international wrong;

10. That all such international laws that aim to limit wrong, to make war less easy and to mitigate its conduct should be sacredly upheld;

11. That we favor all true democratic movements as in accord with the principles of the Gospel and the spiritual priesthood of believers;

12. That we discountenance all unlawful and disorderly government and oppose every type of anarchism as contrary to the will of God;

13. That we favor true justice and oppose all oppression of those that toil and all hindrances to their legitimate place and opportunity in human society;

14. That we believe that no concentration of power in the state will heal the ills of society, but that religious and moral convictions and motives are most necessary;

15. That we favor no socialization which disregards and injures the sacred rights and privileges of the single personality;

16. That the Church is a distinct divine institution and the living organism of believers, who should not be disturbed in the freedom of their faith.

The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, the motion including the direction that it be furnished to the Associated Press for publication.

It was resolved that the Secretary incorporate in the Minutes the fact that the notices of meetings as prescribed were duly read before the Convention in accordance with the requirements of the laws regarding incorporation of bodies.

The Convention adjourned, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., leading in the Lord's Prayer.

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THURSDAY EVENING, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

NOVEMBER 14TH, 1918.

The first Religious Service of the United Lutheran Church was an inspiring act of worship of great solemnity and inspiration, and was held in the Holy Trinity Church at 8 P. M. It was in charge of the Presiding Officers of the three uniting Bodies. The Order of Confession and Absolution was conducted by Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., President of the General Council. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Dean of the Theological Seminary at Mount Airy, Philadelphia, Pa. His text was Hebrews 12:1, 2, and the sermon was a masterful setting forth of the principles for which the United Church stands.

THE RACE SET BEFORE US

Sermon introductory to the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, preached in the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, N. Y., November 14th, 1918.

By Henry Eyster Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.

Dean of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Heb. 12:1, 2: "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus . . . who is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Unto the Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be thanksgiving and praise, for "The United Lutheran Church in America!"

"It is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

We have met in response to an overwhelming conviction, enkindled by God's Spirit, that "what God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

OUR CALLING AND MISSION

The text invites us to consider:

I. *Our Calling and Mission.* Two hundred and seventy-five years ago, on this island of Manhattan, a group of humble Lutheran laymen were engaged in a valiant struggle, primarily, for the right to have their children trained in the Lutheran faith, but, fundamentally, for that religious liberty for which their ancestors had, only a century before, battled in the Netherlands, and upon which all true civil liberty rests. The village of New Amsterdam, with less than a thousand inhabitants, has now become (shall I say) "the metropolis of the world," and those Dutch burghers are now seen to have been the advance guard of a vast communion, whose congregations are scattered over a territory on this continent, more extensive than all Europe, from the North Cape to Gibraltar, and from the Irish coast to the Caspian Sea. The battle has not been won in a single generation. It has been repeated at a thousand points.

THE CO-ORDINATION OF FORCES

So far have we been providentially led towards returning to Muhlenberg's ideal of but one Synod for the entire country, that our divisions have been reduced to three or four clearly defined groups, none of which—even the most exclusive—is in absolute isolation from the rest. Increasingly difficult will it be for those having the same name and the same

origin and so much common history, the same Catechism and the same Confessions and the same Liturgy, and so many common hymns; living in the same land, using the same language and having the same practical needs, to keep apart.

The race set before us is to mobilize and co-ordinate our forces, by publicly acknowledging and more firmly establishing the inner communion we already have with one another. They who have the same Saviour, through the same faith of the same Gospel, belong not only to the same Lord, but also to one another. As it is only in an extraordinary emergency that an individual Christian can stand outside the fellowship of a Christian congregation, so no congregation can live to itself alone, nor a Synod permit a wide chasm to separate it from all others in the same land while professing the same faith. Our church organizations are rooted in the necessities of the Christian life. Organization creates no life; but life inevitably leads to organization.

BOUND TO THE GOSPEL

Outside our sphere are all schemes planned to command the admiration of the world. The pomp and parade of outward demonstration are not only foreign, but hostile to the spirit of Christianity. "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." Neither the array of numbers, nor the wealth of resources is the test of a true church. The church is bound absolutely and uncompromisingly to the entire Gospel. Its sole glory is that we have no new, no revised, no modified Gospel. We cherish no scholarship devoted to constructing a new Bible for a new generation. The Gospel is a trust to be handed down unchanged and unimpaired to our successors. "That unity," says one of our symbols, "we are anxious to promote, according to our utmost power, by which nothing of the divine truth of the Holy Gospel is surrendered, no place is found for the least error, poor sinners are brought to true and genuine repentance, encouraged by faith, and thus justified and eternally saved alone by the sole merit of Christ." (Formula of Concord.)

It is our special mission to bring the seed of this Gospel, with all its latent energy, to all for whom the Author of the Gospel intended it.

THE GOSPEL A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE

There is not one Gospel for the Scandinavian and another for the Slav; one for the German, and another for the American; one for the East, and another for the West; one for the North, and another for the South. There is no sectionalism or provincialism about the Gospel. Whatever will not bear transplantation or translation is not Gospel. No race or language has a peculiar affinity or predisposition for the Gospel. Its realm is that of the universally human. There is not a Gospel for the scholar, and another for the unlettered; one for the prince, and another for the peasant; one for

the city, and another for the country; one for woman, and another for man; one for Lutherans, and another for all other people.

Nothing so raises the humble, nothing so sinks the haughty to the same level, as the Gospel. It is the only true leveller.

THE GOSPEL NOT TO BE CONSTRICTED

We are no close corporation, then, to confine the Gospel to our heirs. We can no more restrict it than we can imprison electricity, or gravitation, or radium. If we have the Gospel we must not only preach it, where there *is*, but until there *be*, willingness to hear it; for it is through the Gospel that the Holy Spirit makes men willing to hear the Gospel. We should go forth, as those who actually mean what we profess in the words: "I believe in the Holy Ghost"; for *where the Spirit is, there is the power of an endless life*. The faith bestowed by the Spirit, through the Gospel, is a living, active, efficacious energy, bringing the antidote for every error, and gradually transforming the whole life, in thought and desire, in will and in work.

Nor should we hedge the Gospel about with minutely drawn qualifications, lest, in so doing, the Gospel itself be hidden.

APPREHENSION OF THE GOSPEL A GROWTH

"The Church will fly apart into various schisms," says the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, "if the less serious mistakes of Christian brethren be not overlooked, and if matters which should be kept secret be blazoned abroad." The very fact that the center of religion is faith in the supernatural should check us from ascribing to Christian men deductions from their premises, which they themselves disclaim. Men may be poor logicians, but good Christians. Not every difference in opinion is a difference in principle.

In this spirit, Luther in his commentary on the Psalms, writes: "This one fails in one thing, that in another. Something I see which Augustine did not, and some one, I know, will see many things which I do not see. Most boundless must be the effrontery of the man who would venture to assert that he understands, in all its points, a single book of Scripture; nay, who would claim that he has mastered a single Psalm. Our life is a beginning and setting out, not a finishing; he is best who approaches nearest the mind of the Spirit."

OUR CHURCH AN AMERICAN CHURCH

The second call that comes to us is to be thoroughly identified with all the interests of this country, and not to stand aloof as though we were mere sojourners. The name of Muhlenberg has left us a brilliant example in both Church and State. It reminds us how at the crucial hour, when

the destiny of this Nation hung by a very slender thread, bearers of this name, waiving all clerical privileges of exemption, withheld no service that the crisis demanded. No dishonor is it to our Fathers, to whose enterprise in abandoning the Old World, we owe our American citizenship, that, in gratitude to the Providence which led them, we pray for the speeding of the day when the walls which still exist between the descendants here of various nationalities may entirely crumble away.

"America was created to unite mankind," the President of the United States said some time ago in Philadelphia, and added: "I am glad that this great country has the word 'United' in its title"—a sentiment which we may here adopt with reference to the title of the organization we have today formed. For it is an emphatic repudiation of all lines of cleavage, among those having the one Lutheran faith, "that separate man from man, group from group, and interest from interest."

What country in all the earth, I ask, offers the Lutheran Church what is afforded here? Tell me, ye who know the Old World, where has our Church had similar freedom to apply its principles to practice, and to frame its own constitution, and determine its own policy? No fault, indeed, was it of Luther, and his Wittenberg colleagues, that, in the reformation of the churches, their ideals were but partially realized. So deeply was the Mediævalism, which, in matters of faith, they attacked effectually, entrenched politically in the various civil governments, that they had to shape their course under conditions which they deplored, but could not radically change. As little was it their fault, as Washington could be blamed for not doing the work of Lincoln, or Lincoln for not anticipating the issues of 1918. The church constitutions which they framed were only provisional expedients, awaiting the time when Christian people would be prepared, by a higher degree of intelligence, and a more thorough apprehension of the Gospel, to exercise fully their prerogatives as spiritual kings and priests. It is incorrect to speak, as some modern historians do, of "the Lutheran revolt"; for Lutheranism has always been the advocate of constitutional government, and has stood as a barrier against anarchy. But the child can be kept in leading-strings too long. Faculties are atrophied, which were meant to be developed. The power of initiative is gone, and Christian liberty scarcely known, where a caste in the State or in the Church obstructs the power of free decision. The Lutheran Church had to come to America to gain that blessing of which Paul speaks: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"; that of which we pray: "O God, whose service is perfect freedom," and which Luther ideally describes in his matchless treatise, "The Liberty of the Christian Man."

THE RE-AWAKENING OF LUTHERANISM

When Pietism began to restore the doctrines of the Church as the communion of saints and of the spiritual priesthood of believers, which had

been more or less obscured, it sent forth, in the first decade of the XVIII century, two streams of influence—one eastward, in the beginning of Protestant Foreign Missions under Ziegenbalg, and the other westward, in the immigration to America from the Rhine Provinces of the people who founded the synods that have today united here, under a political government the best adapted for cultivating the true spirit of Lutheranism.

ADAPTATION TO AMERICAN CONDITIONS

A new call has come to us in a new land, to carry through the principles which our fathers could only partially apply. The conviction of the justice of a great cause, inspiring a great and intelligent people, makes a government established by the people and responsible to the people, the very strongest on earth. For it holds captive their hearts, and makes the details of government matters of personal concern and responsibility—a responsibility to the State, rooted in the sense of the still higher responsibility of each citizen to God. Where do you find so close an approach to the ethical ideal of Lutheranism, with its assertion of the supremacy, not of laws, but of one all-embracing Law, the Law of Love? Where the same opportunity for applying the Gospel principle of social organization, in which all are regarded members one of the other, subject alone to the kingship of Christ?

Since Paul preached at Athens, where has there been such a pulpit from which to preach the Gospel? This is the storage battery of the world's activities. The power lies in the freedom with which great moral ideals—the political expression of the Gospel—are asserted and cultivated.

THE NEW EMERGENCIES

The Old World is in ruins. Prostrate Europe, in its exhaustion, looks hither for the means of reconstruction. What is the special contribution that we as American Lutherans can make for that New Germany, for which our President is already appealing? Has there been wide departure from the faith of the Reformation? Has an "academic freedom"—not of the Gospel—ruled in educational centers? Has the innate antagonism of man to God, expressing itself in the terms of an arrogant and defiant philosophy, zealously diffused rash theories of the Universe, that have had much to do with the deluge of disaster, whence the world is at last emerging?

Let our voice be heard, let our testimony be given in unmistakable terms. Here is our open door for a Theology, new in form, but identical in substance with that of the Reformation, in the English language (now the world language) and in the terms of modern thought. The call to Repentance, with which Luther awoke the slumbering world, must be sounded forth in clarion tones. Every soul must be taught what sin is and what repentance means. There are circles in America, as well as in Germany

and in England, where the Scriptural doctrine of Original Sin is discarded with contempt. Surely the indescribable horrors of the dark night which is now ending should convince a humiliated world of the desolating fires, latent in every human heart, and how all advances in intellectual and material culture, render these fires all the more terrible, when they are once sent forth! Think not that, with the return of peace, the danger of a recurrence of such disaster has vanished! For, without the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, the course of humanity is not upward but only downward, downward, downward, to the very lowest abyss.

Nor can we abate aught from the confession of our Lord Jesus Christ, as less than true God and true Man, the one sole Revealer of the Father's Will, the one and only Sacrifice for sin, the all-availing Mediator, because of Whom we can with courage address God as Father.

Nor, with the matchless arguments of St. Paul in Romans and Galatians in our hands, should our teaching of the central doctrine of Justification by Faith alone be less decided, even though opponents, from opposite and warring camps, unite in applying to it the opprobrious epithet of "Solifidianism."

Nor should we be less insistent upon clearly unfolding the doctrine of the Means of Grace, to wit, that we are not left to drift on the vague sea of pure subjectivism, or to rest in the play of our emotions, but assured beyond the shadow of a doubt, upon the ground of the unerring Word of God, as given both in Word and Sacrament, of His gracious will. There are no elaborate processes, no complicated series of hierarchical purifications through which we gain access to Him; but He Himself comes to us in the Gospel.

RE-STATEMENT OF CONFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS NEEDED

Nor should we fail to make especially clear the Reformation doctrine of the Church—the true mean between the two extremes, of a spiritualism that undervalues the Church as an institution, and a materialism which ignores the Church's spirituality, and finds its unity alone in schemes of outward organization and historical succession, instead of an inflexible fidelity to Holy Scripture. It is not the people alone that constitute the Church. It is not the people without the Gospel, nor the Gospel without the people; but people and Gospel combined, the Gospel in the minds and hearts of the people, and the people, believing, confessing, publishing and practicing the Gospel.

Sooner or later, too, the Lutheran Church in America must define more adequately its relation to other churches. A new Symbolics must be taught, in a land where European distinctions are greatly modified by the attrition between diverging Christian forces.

The student of the Book of Concord knows how, in its Preface, it discriminates between, on the one hand, entire Churches—which it emphatic-

ally disclaims as condemning—and overzealous partisans on the other, who misrepresent and rancorously attack what we hold to be nothing less than the truth of God's Word; and how it extends the hand of sympathy to the Reformed martyrs of the Netherlands and of France, and assures them that the Lutheran Churches are with them "in the fellowship of suffering."

We can never summarily brand, as unchristian, every religious body that has not formally adopted our confession, or, on the other hand, indiscriminately recognize all bearing the Christian name as safe spiritual guides. Our indignant repudiation of those who misjudge the Lutheran Church and its faith, should not preclude our esteem and gratitude for others, by whatever name called, who, by the same grace of the same Holy Spirit, accept and confess with us the same faith of the same Gospel. No plans for preserving mechanical consistency can prevent men thoroughly in earnest in particular forms of Christian effort, from profiting by each other's experience and, in some measure, from co-ordinating their forces; while, on the other hand, premature plans for union, without unity both in faith and in principles of practice, paralyze the life of the Church, in seeking to suppress denominational distinctions.

May we not expect that the Lutheran Church of America, combining fidelity to its confession with kindly consideration of other churches, may attain results on American soil, not hitherto reached in Europe? And may we not hope, and should we not pray that American Evangelical Protestantism may learn to appreciate more fully what we have found so precious in the Gospel, until the great Head of the Church, to whom nothing is impossible, shall, in His own time and way, bring about a union far wider than that we have today formed?

IMPORTANT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

Meanwhile important practical problems tax the energy of all the churches. All America is in movement. Every avocation in life is being readjusted to new conditions. The population is shifting. Cities have sprung up, where a few years ago there were no houses. The East has become a new West. The churches are drained of members, drawn into the whirlpool. "It is no longer a question," we are told, "of leaving ninety-and-nine happy and contented sheep in the fold, to seek the one that is lost, but of leaving only one sheep in the fold to search for the ninety-and-nine that are wandering all over the world outside." To stand still is impossible. Reorganization and readjustment are the order of the day. And what church should more cordially welcome the new era, with its increased opportunities, than that church which has officially declared: "The church of every time and place has, according to its circumstances, the right to change, to diminish or to increase its extended arrangements, as may be deemed at any time most profitable"? (Formula of Concord.)

A NEW ESTIMATE OF MAN

The nations of the world have been taught by what some would term "the inexorable logic of events" to form a new estimate of the real worth of man. The diffusion of democratic principles declares that man has a worth as man; and the soul of a single soldier who has fallen, or civilian who has been starved to death, or been slaughtered; or woman or child drowned on the high sea, has, in God's sight—for Christ has so said—a value above that of any kingdom or empire that has ever risen. What incentive, then, for a new zeal in Foreign Missions, to carry the Gospel to every creature, however distant, however humble or savage, and to give him the freedom of a child of God! What encouragement for the kindred department of Home and Inner Missions!

All our Boards of Administration, our schools, colleges and seminaries should read the signs of the times and prepare for what they forecast. We need to prepare for the infusion of new energy into our congregations, when hundreds of thousands of Lutheran youths from ten thousand Lutheran churches, having profited by the strict military discipline to which they were subjected, will return, with horizons widened and sympathies quickened, to be leaders in our parishes, pastors of churches and counsellors in synod.

LAYING ASIDE WEIGHTS

II. Wherefore, then, says the text, "Laying aside all else, let us run this race with patience," *i. e.*, not "languidly," not "half-heartedly," not "with stoical indifference to what cannot be altered," but with that resolute tenacity that never gives up, with that firm determination which wastes no time in making an inventory of discouragements and difficulties, but flies into their face.

There is a pathetic note running through this Epistle. The Hebrews, to whom it was written, were homesick. They were feeling keenly the pains of separation, for Christ's sake, from many hallowed associations of early life.

But they are consoled by being shown the immeasurable superiority of what the Gospel gives them. They are plainly told that they could not be both Jews and Christians. The hour of decision has come. The alternative is stated: Would they be Jews without Christ, or Christians without Judaism? Old things must pass away, and all things become new.

But back of this weight which they are urged to lay aside is a more serious hindrance, viz., the sin which, like a long garment, threatens, with its ample folds, to trip the runner. The easily besetting sin is the inner depravity of our nature, which expresses itself in various forms, such as the indifference and sluggishness with which the divine call is heard; the selfishness that is content with salvation as a personal possession, but thinks not of sharing it with others; the avarice which ignores man's stewardship

of the Divine bounty; ambition intent mainly on preferment and pre-eminence; the fear of man that bringeth a snare; the jealousy that can not look with pleasure on the progress, or with charity on the faults of others; false standards of righteousness and false ideals of the Church; the elevation of the material above the spiritual; in short, all forms of arbitrary individualism, claiming for self the right to think and act at pleasure.

All this, however, is only preliminary to the main source of our strength. The weights fall from our shoulders, the power of sin vanishes, as we look unto Jesus, while we follow the path which He trod. Not backward, but forward; not inward, but outward; not below, but above is our gaze. We have one heart and one mind, as we have one goal, above the heavens. Earth becomes the vestibule of Heaven, when everything is seen in the light of the Right Hand of God's Majesty. It is Jesus who controls the destinies of men. The rise and fall of empires, all progress in science and art, all discoveries and inventions, placing the forces of Nature more and more under man's control, all wars and tumults, are but links in one great chain—details of one immense plan for the progress of His Kingdom. On that wide field, spread through all time and space, the Great Commander in this battle views all that transpires, and from the eminence to which He is exalted directs every movement. The future of the Church is in His hands. Remembering who it is that is in command, and the close personal relationship He bears to each of us, why should we be doubtful as to the issue, "Why are ye fearful, ye of little faith?"

Then, too, it is one of the mysteries of our faith, that this Right Hand of God, while far above us, is, nevertheless, most near us. You remember what Stephen saw in the High Priest's palace, and how near earth he found heaven to be. Jesus is here not only in His Omnipotent Divinity, but in His sympathizing Humanity, offering Himself to us in the Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood, as the pledge of all that His Gospel contains. The appeal is individual. Let each communicant who here comes to the altar make a new vow, and reconsecrate himself to the service that is asked. Then, with joyful and eager feet let us hasten whither our great Leader has gone. "Let us run the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down on the Right Hand of the Throne of God."

Brethren, "If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the Right Hand of God."

The Service of the Holy Communion was read by Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., President of the General Synod. In the administration of the Communion, those in charge of the service were assisted by a number of clergymen. The Concluding Service was conducted by

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President of the United Synod in the South, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. Dr. Schmauk.

The large number of delegates communing and the spirit of earnestness and devotion that pervaded the vast assembly were a spiritual uplift that is surely a prophecy and a pledge of unlimited usefulness and blessedness for the United Church.

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SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES' BUILDING,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 9 A. M.

The Second Business Session of the United Lutheran Church was held in the Auditorium of the Engineering Societies' Building, 29 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York, N. Y., on Friday morning, November 15th, 1918, and was called to order shortly after nine o'clock by President *pro tem* Schmauk.

The Convention united in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner". The opening prayer was offered by Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D., of Baltimore, Md., after which the hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung.

Appropriate opening remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Schmauk, after which the Minutes of the First Business Session were read and adopted.

The following order, prepared by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, was used:

Order of Procedure for Roll Call at the Meeting Friday Morning.

1. The President shall say—"Is the Secretary prepared to call the roll?"

2. The Secretary—I have received from the Secretaries of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, certified copies of the lists of delegates to the last Conventions of their respective bodies.

3. The President—The Secretary will proceed to call the roll as thus constituted. When the roll of each Synod has been called, the Chairman of the delegation will give notice of any changes that have been made. He

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shall subsequently hand to the Secretary a written statement of such changes, so that the roll may be corrected accordingly.

4. The roll call shall then proceed.

5. When it has been completed, the President shall say:

"I do now declare the roll that has just been called and corrected the official roll of the delegates to the First Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

"No further changes can be made without a vote of this body giving its assent thereto."

ROLL OF DELEGATES BY SYNODS.

1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

1748

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D.	Prof. G. T. Ettinger, Ph.D.
Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. W. H. Hager
	Mr. E. Clarence Miller
Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D.	E. Aug. Miller, Esq.
Rev. Prof. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.	Reuben Wenrich, M.D.
	Mr. W. M. Mearig
Rev. Prof. J. Fry, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. Fred C. Hassold
Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.	F. O. Ritter, M.D.
Rev. Prof. H. Offermann, D.D.	G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.
Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D.	Mr. James M Snyder
Rev. Prof. C. M. Jacobs, D.D.	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.
Rev. A. Steimle, D.D.	Hon. C. R. Lantz, Esq.
Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D.	Mr. John M. Snyder
Rev. N. R. Melhorn, D.D.	David D. Fritch, M.D.
Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. W. P. M. Braun
Rev. A. T. W. Steinhaeuser, D.D.	Mr. Wm. S. Mohr
Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D.	Mr. Harry Hodges
Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman	Mr. M. L. March
Rev. Prof. L. D. Reed, D.D.	Mr. F. P. D. Miller
Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D.	Mr. L. R. Shearer
Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D.	Mr. C. A. Worsley
Rev. J. H. Waidelich, D.D.	M. C. Henninger, Esq.
Rev. George Gebert, D.D.	Prof. T. H. Serfass
Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, D.D.	Mr. J. G. Finley
Rev. W. L. Stough	George F. Seiberling, M.D.
Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.	Mr. Henry F. Heuer
Rev. Prof. C. Theo. Benze, D.D.	Mr. Frank L. Brown
Rev. C. J. Cooper, D.D.	Mr. Daniel F. Yost

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. F. Lambert	J. Evan Hirtle, D.D.S.
Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D.	Mr. F. D. Bittner
Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.	Mr. Harry Querns
Rev. J. L. Becker, D.D.	Mr. Peter Woll, Jr.
Rev. J. H. Umbenhen, Ph.D.	Mr. W. W. Speck
Rev. J. H. Orr	J. F. Trexler, M.D.
Rev. A. C. Schenck	Geo. R. Ulrich, D.D.S.
Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D.	Mr. H. A. Weaver
Rev. Stephen Paulson	
Rev. J. O. Leibensperger	

2. Ministerium of New York.

1786

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Fred. H. Bosch	Mr. Ernest C. Muncke
Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D.	Mr. Theodore Roehrs
Rev. J. A. Weyl	Mr. Martin Wulff
Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	Mr. E. C. Meurer
Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D.	Mr. Richard Moldenke, Ph.D.
Rev. Frederick Sutter	Mr. George Gravenhorst
Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling	Mr. Wm. F. Intemann
Rev. Jacob W. Loch, Ph.D.	Mr. Wm. Jente
Rev. H. C. Wasmund	Mr. George Bohrer
Rev. D. W. Peterson	Mr. Edmund Schaefer
Rev. Theo. C. Posselt	Mr. Ludolph H. Eppers
Rev. Herman Brezing	Mr. George F. Semken
Rev. E. Brennecke, Ph.D.	Mr. Jacob Dangler
Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch	Mr. Frederick Kracke
Rev. Wm. A. Snyder, D.D.	Mr. William Eck

3. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

1803

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D.	L. M. Swink, Esq.
Rev. J. L. Morgan	Mr. J. H. Rehder
Rev. J. F. Crigler	Mr. J. D. Heilig
Rev. W. A. Lutz	Mr. J. A. Kellenberger
Rev. M. L. Stirewalt	Mr. W. L. Dixon
Rev. I. E. Long	B. B. Miller, Esq.
Rev. G. W. McClanahan	Dr. C. E. Reitzel
Rev. C. I. Morgan	
Rev. L. A. Thomas	

4. Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

1820

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. A. R. Beck	Hon. C. M. Efird
Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D. (absent)	Dr. C. O. Miller
Rev. C. K. Bell, D.D.	Mr. J. M. Rhodes
Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D.	Mr. Pierce Leapart
Rev. R. M. Carpenter	Mr. R. G. Rhyne
Rev. E. J. Sox	Mr. J. T. Miller
Rev. W. J. Finck, D.D.	Mr. A. P. Rhyne (absent)
Rev. J. L. Cromer	Mr. J. A. Cline
Rev. B. D. Wessinger	Mr. M. C. Mauney
Rev. J. C. Peery	Mr. J. H. Dinglehoff
Rev. E. H. Kohn, Ph.D.	Mr. E. M. Minnich
Rev. C. E. Fritz	
Rev. M. A. Ashby	
Rev. M. L. Pence	
Rev. N. D. Yount (absent)	

5. Maryland.

1820

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D.	Mr. J. Roessner
Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D.	L. R. Alden, Esq.
Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D.	Mr. M. P. Moller
Rev. G. W. Albrecht, Ph.D.	Mr. H. C. Graham
Rev. D. B. Floyd, D.D.	H. T. Domer, Esq.
Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D.	Mr. E. F. Kirwan
Rev. John Weidley, D.D.	Mr. W. L. Minnick
Rev. C. P. Wiles, D.D.	Mr. W. W. Doub
Rev. J. S. Simon, D.D.	Mr. W. H. Norris
Rev. U. S. G. Rupp, D.D.	Mr. Thos. S. Albaugh
Rev. S. T. Nicholas, D.D.	Mr. C. G. Cushwa

6. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina.

1824

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D.	Capt. R. F. Bowe
Rev. E. Fulenwider	Hon. J. D. Cappelmann
Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D.	Mr. A. H. Kohn
Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D.	Mr. Walter L. Caughman
Rev. J. D. Kinard, D.D.	
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.	

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D.	
Rev. H. A. McCullough, D.D.	
Rev. J. J. Long	
Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D.	
Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D.	
Rev. H. J. Black	

7. West Pennsylvania.

1825

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. A. E. Wagner, D.D.	Geo. E. Neff, Esq.
Rev. U. E. Apple	Wm. A. Granville, Ph.D., LL.D.
Rev. T. B. Thomas	Mr. Alexander Diehl
Rev. E. D. Weigle, D.D.	Mr. Wm. L. Glatfelter
Rev. R. Hamsher	Mr. Alvin Nissley
Rev. H. Sharp	Mr. O. S. Hamsher
Rev. J. B. Baker	Mr. D. C. Rudisill
Rev. H. B. Stock, D.D.	E. M. Smith
Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D.	Mr. Edward Helb
Rev. G. A. Getty, D.D.	Mr. G. B. Hoover

8. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

1829

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. A. Huffard, D.D.	Mr. H. L. Snyder
Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D.	Mr. S. A. Flickenger
Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D.	J. A. Alexander, Esq.
Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D.	Mr. W. T. Stauffer
Rev. I. D. Worman	Mr. N. I. Kagey
Rev. C. W. Cassell	Mr. T. J. Cooper
Rev. E. R. McCauley, D.D.	Mr. H. M. Clemmer (absent)

9. East Ohio.

1836

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. W. C. Shott
Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D.D.	Mr. F. W. Albrecht
Rev. H. C. Brillhart	Dr. W. F. Emery
Rev. H. B. Ernsberger	Mr. J. L. Roller
Rev. John O. Yoder	Mr. J. L. Clark

10. East Pennsylvania.

1842

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, D.D.	Mr. Geo. C. Baum
Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D.	Mr. H. B. Gerhardt
Rev. G. Z. Stup	Mr. E. G. Hoover
Rev. L. E. De Yoe, D.D.	Dr. Croll Keller
Rev. D. B. Smith, D.D.	Mr. J. E. Miller
Rev. L. C. Manges, D.D.	Mr. Luther Minter
Rev. Fuller Bergstresser	Mr. W. C. Stoever
Rev. S. D. Daugherty, D.D.	Mr. D. U. Landis
Rev. C. T. Trowbridge, D.D.	Mr. Geo. P. Tustin
Rev. Stanley Billheimer	Mr. J. H. Brandt
Rev. M. G. Richard	Mr. John H. Wolfe
Rev. S. W. Herman, D.D.	Mr. Grant A. Martz
Rev. E. E. Schantz, D.D.	Mr. J. S. Moser
Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D.	Mr. J. M. Immell

11. Allegheny.

1842

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Simon Snyder	Mr. H. S. Fleck
Rev. L. P. Young, D.D.	Mr. D. W. Prosser
Rev. F. R. Wagner, D.D.	Mr. A. C. Sorrick
Rev. J. M. Rearick	Mr. S. H. Slick
Rev. J. C. McCarney	Mr. M. H. Funk
Rev. W. A. H. Streamer	Mr. W. B. Miller
Rev. F. P. Fisher	Mr. S. B. Philson
Rev. W. H. B. Carney, D.D.	Mr. Sam Kauffman

12. Evangelical Lutheran Southwestern Virginia Synod.

1842

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. Luther Sieber	Robert W. Kime, Esq.
Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes	Mr. H. L. Bonham
Rev. B. E. Petrea	Mr. B. W. Kadel
Rev. C. Brown Cox	Mr. A. A. Mock
Rev. J. Wm. McCauley	Dr. E. W. Peery
Rev. E. H. Copenhaver	Mr. J. Stewart Etter

13. Miami.

1844

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. T. B. Birch, Ph.D.	Mr. Edward F. Young
Rev. H. E. Crowell	Mr. Thomas Crissler
Rev. S. E. Greenawalt, D.D.	Mr. Jos. W. Kahler
Rev. G. B. Schmitt	Mr. W. H. Schans
Rev. L. J. Motschmann	

14. Pittsburgh, G. C.

1845

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D.	George F. Greiner, Esq.
Rev. Prof. E. F. Krauss, D.D.	Prof. John B. Geissinger
Rev. B. F. Hankey	Mr. John B. Kaercher
Rev. G. A. Benze, D.D.	Mr. J. Louis Frederick
Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D.D.	Mr. Peter L. Leemhuis
Rev. D. M. Kemerer	Mr. Chas. Schimmelfeng
Rev. E. A. Tappert	Hon. Aaron E. Reiber
Rev. G. C. Rees, D.D.	Mr. Henry W. Fox
Rev. Geo. H. Schnur	Mr. Charles Blass
Rev. John J. Myers	Mr. George F. Seifrid
Rev. R. D. Roeder	J. Warren Hunter, Esq.
Rev. F. C. Oberly	Mr. J. Harry Wattles
Rev. Robert R. Durst	Mr. Horace W. Bikle

15. Pittsburgh, G. S.

1845

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Cleason B. King, D.D.	Mr. Wm. J. Daugherty
Rev. Edward E. Blint, D.D.	Mr. Charles F. Stifel
Rev. Geo. W. Englar, D.D.	Mr. D. Carl Shull
Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D.D.	Mr. Norman V. B. Ziegler
Rev. Calvin P. Bastian	Mr. Charles H. Miller
Rev. Chas. D. Russell	Mr. G. F. Bardonner
Rev. Chas. W. Barnett	Mr. Eugene R. Flotto
Rev. Harry E. Clare	Mr. E. H. Dibert
Rev. Theodore L. Crouse	Robin Wolf, Esq.

16. Wittenberg.

1847

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D.	Hon. J. L. Zimmerman
Rev. E. Luther Spaid	Hon. J. F. Kramer
Rev. Clarence E. Gardner, D.D.	Mr. E. K. Trauger
Rev. Chalmers E. Frontz	Mr. F. A. Burkhart
Rev. George S. Bright	Mr. D. C. Keller
Rev. M. I. Powell	Mr. W. E. Lininger

17. Olive Branch.

1848

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. Raymond Isley	Mr. E. A. Scholl
Rev. D. M. Horner, D.D.	Mr. E. F. Birk
Rev. A. E. Renn, D.D.	Mr. J. E. Spiegel
Rev. H. K. Fenner, D.D.	Mr. Geo. H. Knollenberg

18. Northern Illinois.

1851

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. P. Kabele	Mr. J. H. Baer
Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D.	Mr. C. H. Boyer
Rev. B. F. Grenoble	Mr. Geo. W. Bruner
Rev. W. I. Guss	Dr. T. J. Whitten
Rev. F. M. Keller, D.D.	Mr. S. W. King
Rev. L. F. Gunderman	Mr. A. A. Krape

19. Central Pennsylvania.

1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Chas. T. Aikens, D.D.	Mr. Chas. A. Widle
Rev. A. R. Longanecker	Mr. B. F. Homan
Rev. A. H. Spangler, D.D.	Mr. John A. Beck
Rev. W. M. Rearick	Mr. Wm. T. Horton
Rev. C. N. Shindler	Mr. J. F. Garthoff

20. Northern Indiana.

1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. D. Brosy	Mr. J. H. Dunbauld
Rev. Prof. L. S. Keyser, D.D.	Mr. C. C. Ornhood
Rev. Courtland Miller	Mr. Fred Martin
Rev. George Beiswanger	Hon. E. K. Strong
Rev. Walter C. Hanning	Mr. Henry Martin

21. Iowa.

1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. S. Leamer	Mr. W. J. C. Volckman
Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D.D.	Mr. George Larson
Rev. Paul H. Heisey	Mr. A. B. Leamer
Rev. S. M. Lesher	Mr. H. G. Vollmer

22. Evangelical Lutheran Mississippi Synod.

1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. T. B. Epting	Mr. F. R. Epting (absent and excused)

23. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States.

1860

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.	Col. H. E. Dreeson
Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D.	Mr. B. Frank Hall
Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D.	
Rev. W. E. Pugh	

24. Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod.

1860

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Walter C. Davis	Mr. E. L. Bowman
Rev. B. S. Brown, Jr.	

25. District Synod of Ohio.

1861

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. W. H. Shepfer	Mr. A. T. Baker
Rev. E. F. Ritter	M. M. Bauer, M.D.
Rev. A. J. Holl	Mr. L. E. Grimes
Rev. J. M. Wenrich	J. H. Axline, M.D.
Rev. M. L. Wagner, D.D.	Mr. A. W. Weber

26. Canada Synod.

1861

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. M. Voelker	Mr. A. L. Bitzer
Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D.	Mr. L. Peine
Rev. H. Hamfeldt, D.D.	Mr. John Wellein
Rev. O. Klaehn	Mr. Jacob Haberer

27. Central Illinois.

1867

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. B. Heibert, D.D.	Mr. J. P. Larson
Rev. F. M. Porch, D.D.	David E. Mack, Esq.

28. Susquehanna.

1867

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D.	Mr. Dan Smith
Rev. R. G. Banner, D.D.	Dr. A. Monroe Hall
Rev. O. E. Sunday	Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq.
Rev. W. E. Fischer, D.D.	Mr. J. C. Maneval
Rev. W. F. Steck	

29. Kansas.

1868

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. F. Wiest	Mr. John Nelson
Rev. L. A. Harshman	Mr. A. Nicholas
Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D.	Mr. C. J. Erickson
Rev. G. G. Clark, D.D.	
Rev. Andreas Bard, D.D.	

30. Nebraska.

1871

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph.D.	Mr. E. G. Hopkins
Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. H. A. Thielke
Rev. M. E. Bollinger	Mr. M. D. Morton
Rev. C. E. Sparks	Mr. George H. Emerson
Rev. Luther M. Kuhns	

31. Wartburg.

1875

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. George Schulz	
Rev. Prof. J. L. Neve, D.D.	
Rev. B. Garten	
Rev. C. W. Knudten	

32. German Nebraska.

1890

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. M. Koolen	Mr. A. Lebsack
Rev. E. Klotsche, Ph.D.	
Rev. J. F. Krueger, Ph.D.	
Rev. F. M. Rabe	
Rev. F. H. Schmidt	

33. California.

1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. C. Funk	Mr. James Popert
Rev. H. Gehrcke	Mr. Theo. H. Dewitz, O.D.
Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	
Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	

34. Rocky Mountain.

1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. A. M. Knudsen	Mr. D. S. Young
Rev. J. E. Hummon	

35. Manitoba Synod.

1891

No delegates.

36. Synod of the Northwest.

1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht	Mr. J. K. Jensen
Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D.	Mr. Geo. Hemsing
Rev. W. P. Christy	Mr. L. A. Anderson
Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D.	Hon. A. U. Mayland
Rev. W. F. Bacher	Mr. A. Henecke

37. Pacific Synod.

1892

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. W. Bussard	Mr. W. S. T. Derr
Rev. M. F. Boulton	Dr. P. W. H. Frederick

38. Chicago Synod.

1896

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. W. J. Seiberling	Mr. John B. Franke
Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. H. S. K. Bartholomew
	Mr. Frederick Sachse
Rev. C. L. Warstler	Mr. Martin L. Deck
Rev. M. E. Haberland	

39. Southern Illinois.

1901

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. Robert Dunlop, Ph.D.	Dr. R. C. Walser

40. New York and New England Synod.

1902

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D.	Mr. James Gear
Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D.	Mr. Robert E. Gaskell
Rev. A. L. Benner	Mr. Frederick Henrich
Rev. S. G. Weiskotten D.D., Ph.D.	Mr. Fred J. Walter
Rev. Frederick C. Martin	Mr. Wm. H. Stackel
Rev. Henry C. Erbes	H. T. Weiskotten, Ph.D.

41. Nova Scotia Synod.

1903

No delegates.

42. Texas Synod.

1906

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. E. A. Sievert	Mr. Charles J. Zirjacks

43. New York.

1908

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D. L.H.D.	Mr. C. M. Witthoft
Rev. F. E. Oberlander, D.D.	Mr. Henry Albers, Sr.
Rev. W. M. Baum, Jr., D.D.	Mr. Henry Streibert
Rev. F. J. Baum	Mr. C. J. Kilts
Rev. J. W. Paetznick, Ph.D.	Mr. A. J. Nellis
Rev. H. G. Dattan, D.D.	Mr. A. E. Oberlander
Rev. J. H. Meyer	Mr. August J. Herrlich
Rev. A. E. Deitz, D.D.	Mr. W. J. Dippel
Rev. M. G. L. Rietz	Mr. W. S. Massoneau
Rev. Wm. Freas	Mr. Irving Lainhart
Rev. Walter Frederick	Hon. E. F. Eilert
Rev. C. G. Empie	Mr. C. C. Springhorn
Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D.	Mr. A. E. Gehben
Rev. Geo. E. Hipsley, D.D.	Mr. I. S. Runyon

44. Central Canada Synod.

1909

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. Maurer	Mr. J. C. Casselman

45. West Virginia.

1912

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. O. C. Dean	Mr. John J. Brockhardt (absent)
Rev. F. H. Crissman	Mr. E. C. Reep

Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., of Rochester, N. Y., for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the United Lutheran Church in America hereby determines to become incorporated, pursuant to section fifteen of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, as amended by Chapter 465 of the Laws of 1918 of the said State; and, further,

Resolved, that the name hereby designated for the said corporation shall be THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA; and, further,

Resolved, that the presiding officer and clerk of the said body be, and they are, hereby directed to make, execute, acknowledge and file in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the said section, as amended as aforesaid, a certificate for the purpose of forming a corporation in conformity with the said section, as amended aforesaid; and, further,

Resolved, that this meeting now proceed by a plurality vote of the members present to elect fifteen (15) persons to be the first trustees of such corporation.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, 511 members voting.

The next order was the election of Officers.

Rev. Dr. Weller moved that the election be conducted according to the By-Laws in the Constitution prepared for adoption by the United Lutheran Church. The motion prevailed.

Rev. Dr. Weller moved that the first election be confined to the office of President. The motion was carried.

The following report of the Committee appointed by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to suggest names of delegates to act as Tellers of Elections to be held by the United Lutheran Church, was presented:

The committee appointed by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to suggest names of delegates to act as tellers of the elections to be held by the United Lutheran Church in America, respectfully reports:

Group 1—Rev. D. B. Floyd, D.D., Rev. J. F. Lambert, Mr. J. H. Rehder, Mr. F. W. Albert, Mr. James Gear.

Group 2—Rev. C. E. Gardner, D.D., Mr. Chas. Schimmelfeng, Mr. Alvin R. Nissley, Mr. A. L. Ritcher, Capt. R. F. Bowe.

Group 3—Rev. B. F. Hankey, Rev. R. G. Banner, D.D., Rev. G. H. Rhodes, Mr. Martin L. Deck, Mr. John Nelson.

Group 4—Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Rev. A. C. Schenck, Mr. Henry Albers, Jr., Mr. Jacob R. Jenson, Mr. H. L. Snyder.

Group 5—Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D., Rev. Theodore O. Posselt, Rev. George Beiswanger, Mr. Martin Wulff, Mr. G. A. Martz.

Group 6—Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq., Mr. R. L. Kime, Mr. Harry Hodges, Mr. H. B. Gerhardt, Rev. J. L. Leamer, Rev. W. C. Davis.

The following additional names are suggested from which additional groups of tellers can be framed if required:

Clerical—Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. W. C. Davis.

Lay—Geo. B. Reimensnyder, R. L. Kime, Harry Hodges, H. P. Gerhart, Frederick Henrich, H. A. Kingsbury.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) W. L. GLATFELTER,
E. G. HOOVER,
ROBT. E. GASKELL,
JAMES M. SNYDER,
ROBERT L. KIME.

The President *pro tem* appointed the following Tellers to conduct the election of President: Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D., Rev. Theodore O. Posselt, Rev. George Beiswanger, Martin Wulff, G. A. Martz, Martin L. Deck, John Nelson, Rev. B. F. Hankey, Rev. R. G. Bannen, D.D., Rev. G. H. Rhodes.

The following telegrams were read to the Convention:

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, Nov. 14, 1918.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA,
Auditorium of Engineering Societies' Building,
29 West 39th St., New York, N. Y.

The Men's Club of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation, at their regular meeting assembled, wish to extend their heartiest congratulations. May this merger mark the beginning of a great work for God's Kingdom and prove an incentive for power for our brethren in the Faith.

Faithfully,
MEN'S CLUB OF CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION.

OAKPARK, ILL., NOVEMBER 15TH, 1918.

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA,
Hall of the Engineers Society,
25-33 West 39th St., New York, N. Y.

The Lutheran Ministers' Association of Chicago, representing fourteen Synods, sends greetings. May God's blessing rest upon all the activities of the new body.

B. LEDERER, *President.*
W. A. KISER, *Secretary.*

The Tellers reported as a result of the first ballot for President that there was no election.

The President *pro tem* appointed the following to act as Tellers for the election of Secretary: Henry Albers, Sr., Jacob K. Jensen, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Rev. A. C. Schenck, H. L. Snyder, Rev. C. E. Gardner, D.D., Charles Schimmelfeng, Alvin R. Nissley, Capt. R. F. Bowe, A. L. Bitzer.

The Tellers reported as a result of the second ballot for President that there was no election.

Rev. Dr. Clutz, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, in compliance with the laws of the State of New York, read for a second time the official "Notice" of application for incorporation.

A resolution was offered and carried directing the Secretary to record in the Minutes the fact that the "Notice" and resolutions concerning incorporation were read before the Convention a second time as required by the laws of the State.

It was resolved that the Convention proceed tomorrow at the adjournment of the morning session to the Post Office Building at 33rd Street and Eighth Avenue, for the purpose of having a photograph taken.

A motion prevailed that the Convention reaffirm the action adopting the resolution offered by Dr. F. F. Fry relative to the incorporation of the United Church. A rising vote was taken which unanimously reaffirmed the action. The vote was 463.

The Tellers reported as a result of the third ballot for President that there was no election.

A motion prevailed directing the Secretary to send proper replies to the official greetings sent to the new body by telegram.

The Tellers reported as a result of the fourth ballot that the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., was elected President.

By motion the election was made unanimous.

The President *pro tem* appointed Rev. Dr. Weller and the Hon. E. F. Eilert to escort the newly-elected President to the chair.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Weller.

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THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1918, 2:30 P. M.

The Convention was called to order by President Knubel at 2:30 P. M. on Friday November 15th. The devotional exercises were in charge of Rev. Prof. J. Fry, D.D., of the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. After a vocal solo by Rev. Ross H. Stover, of Wapakonetta, Ohio, the delegates sang the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation", and the prayer was offered by Dr. Fry.

The order being the election of a Secretary, the Convention proceeded to ballot for that office.

Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., President of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., moved that the Convention ratify the order of procedure suggested by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means governing the election of officers.

The following recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee was adopted, calling for "the appointment of a Nominating Committee to which shall be referred all nominations made by merging Boards and other agencies for coordination and report to the United Lutheran Church and which shall make all nominations for this First Convention not otherwise provided for, said committee to report as required. It shall provide printed ballots for the elections".

The following committee was appointed: Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Mr. J. E. Miller, Mr. E. A. Miller.

Rev. Dr. Tressler, on behalf of the Lutheran Historical Society, presented to President Knubel for use at this Convention of the United Lutheran Church the gavel used at the concluding convention of the General Synod, which was made of pieces of wood from historical Lutheran places connected with the various Synods entering into the United Lutheran Church.

Rev. Dr. Schmauk, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, presented to the Convention a Historical and Explanatory Report on the Merger, prepared by direction of the committee.

The reading of the Report was interrupted to receive the report of the Tellers on the election of the Secretary, who announced that there had been no election. Another ballot was ordered, and the reading of the Report was resumed and completed.

Historical Report of the Merger.

Ten years after the organization of the General Council the first steps were taken toward the reapproach of the separated Lutherans of the three great Bodies uniting here today. This was in 1877, forty years ago. The initiative was made by Dr. John Morris, of Baltimore. He, with Dr. J. A. Seiss, held the First Free Lutheran Diet in Philadelphia. All Lutherans, clerical and lay, without respect to synodical connections, were invited to seats and membership in the Diet. In his opening address, Dr. Morris said, "Every Lutheran minister and layman has equal rights here." The venture was so successful that a Second Diet was held the next year, in 1878, under the presidency of the sainted Dr. E. Greenawalt, who, in opening it, remarked, "We are perhaps not as far apart as is supposed".

As early as 1870, Dr. Bachman, of Charleston, had urged upon the General Synod in the South consolidation with other Synods in order to secure a greater uniformity of worship. In 1876 a committee of the Southern

Synod was instructed to confer with the General Synod and the General Council as to a common Order of Service. In 1879 the General Council resolved to co-operate, and in 1881 the General Synod likewise. Thus originated the Joint Committee to prepare "A Common Service for all English-speaking Lutherans". In 1887 the work of the committee was adopted by the three bodies, and in 1888 two editions of this Common Service, in its newest parts as old as the time of the Reformation, and in the great body of its contents representing the pure service of the Christian Church of the West from the earliest times, were published.

In 1895 the General Synod sent Dr. S. W. Owen as a first Fraternal Visitor to the General Council, and the General Council sent Dr. J. A. Seiss to the meeting of the General Synod at York. This resulted, in 1898, in the First General Conference of Lutherans in America intended to prepare the way for a better understanding and more harmonious co-operation among the three general bodies. Dr. Seiss preached the sermon on "The True Unity of the Faith". Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Chairman of the Conference, in his opening address, said, "What Providence intends by this Conference, and whither it may lead, no one can tell. * * * For twenty years, General Synod, General Council, and United Synod of the South have been co-operating successfully in the work of liturgical reform. More recently an agreement to prevent collisions and frictions in the establishment of missions has been officially approved by these bodies,—which if consistently maintained and administered through its Joint Board of Arbitration, will practically unite the several bodies into one Confederation of Churches."

At the Second General Conference, held in 1902, the chairman, Dr. Jacobs, said, "Separated as we have been by the dissensions of a generation ago, the three bodies that stand for a history of over two centuries in America, have for years been more nearly approaching. We have a Common Service; we are preparing a Common Hymnal; our Deaconess' Boards are united in a common association; we are endeavoring to conduct our mission enterprises without friction or interference with each other; * * * we include each other in all our enumeration of our strength in this country; * * * and our General Bodies have appointed committees to seek for still closer bonds of union."

In the Third General Conference held in Pittsburgh, in 1904, Dr. Jacobs, in his opening address, said frankly, "Our aim is not Church Union, but Church Unity".

Meantime a Committee on Arbitration had been appointed by the General Council at its historic meeting in 1895, and a Commission on Practical Co-operation a few years later. In 1909 these were consolidated into the Home Mission Arbitration Commission, which has ever since, in conjunction with the similar commission of the General Synod, been operative and effective.

In 1907 an interchange began between the General Council and the Gen-

eral Synod as to differences in doctrinal foundation of the two bodies and was continued for several years. In 1911, the doctrinal differences between the Three General Bodies were removed by constitutional amendment in the General Synod, and the greatest confessional barrier in the way of Lutheran unity between them was eliminated.

In 1909 the General Council took action responding to the appeal of its President, to prepare for the coming Quadri-centennial, and sent visitors to the United Synod and the General Synod to propose a proper general celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary, and to ask their co-operation, as well as that of Independent Synods, in the appointment of a Joint Committee with power. The United Synod responded to this invitation and the General Synod issued an invitation to other bodies to join with it in this common work, which was intended to inaugurate some general co-operation on the part of divided Lutheran bodies in America. This was the beginning, in 1913, of the distinctive movement which has culminated in the present merger.

On September 1, 1914, the first meeting of the Joint Committee on Quadri-centennial was held at Atlantic City, at which a resolution was presented by Mr. E. C. Miller that the celebration should be marked by the union of the three bodies in the year 1917, but such a motion was then considered premature. A second meeting was held at Pittsburgh in January, 1915, where the Iowa Synod and the Joint Synod of Ohio were represented by their Presidents. Subsequent meetings were held in Philadelphia in May and November, 1915. The committee was organized as follows: Chairman, Dr. T. E. Schmauk; Secretary, Dr. J. A. Morehead; Treasurer, Hon. J. L. Zimmerman. The Rev. Howard R. Gold was called as Executive Secretary, and began his duties in February, 1916.

On April 18, 1917, at a meeting of this committee in Philadelphia, the following resolution, passed the night before at a gathering of eight laymen, was read: "Resolved that this gathering request the Joint Lutheran Committee to arrange a general meeting of Lutherans to formulate plans for the unification of the Lutheran Church in America", signed by J. L. Zimmerman, Chairman. Mr. Zimmerman explained that the plan for the unification of the Lutheran Church would merge the bodies that enter into it and take over all the property of existing bodies legally. Mr. E. C. Miller presented a plan of merger in six brief items. The following resolution, proposed by Dr. H. E. Jacobs, was adopted, "Believing that the time has come for the more complete organization of the Lutheran Church in this country, we propose that the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod of the South, together with all other bodies one with us in our Lutheran Faith, be united as soon as possible in one general organization, to be known as The United Lutheran Church in America".

The Presidents of the Three General Bodies, who by this time were co-operating with each other regularly, were requested to begin the great

work by appointing a Joint Committee to prepare a Statement of Faith and frame a Constitution for the new Church. The Presidents made a comparative study of the newly-prepared Constitution of the General Synod, of the Principles of Faith and Polity of the General Council, and of the Constitution of the United Synod in the South, and came to a general agreement on the order of the articles in the new Constitution. They also decided to incorporate the Principles of Faith in the Constitution itself.

They appointed a Joint Committee on Constitution, which met on May 31st in Harrisburg, and organized by electing Dr. T. E. Schmauk Chairman, and Prof. J. A. Clutz Secretary. Much time was spent in discussing the Preamble, the Name, the Doctrinal Basis, the Objects, the nature of Ecclesiastical Power, the external, internal, and intersynodical powers of the new body and the theory of its Government by an Executive Board. The establishment of a Commission of Adjudication also was given extended attention. Every clause of the Constitution as it now stands passed through the fires of criticism. The Constitution was completed and each President assumed the responsibility of introducing it, and the merger as a whole, to the next Convention of his own General Body. At these Conventions of the merging General Bodies the three Presidents presented a joint report, there were reports of three Commissions on Lutheran Unity, of the Official Visitors to other bodies, of the Quadri-centennial Committee, and of the Commissions on Co-operation, which commissions were present in person at each of the three Conventions.

A series of excellent resolutions, prepared by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster, at that time President of the General Synod, were adopted in practically the same form by all the bodies. They provided: (1) for the approval of the new Constitution and its submission to the district synods of the body at their next Convention; (2) for the dissolution of the General Bodies if a sufficient ratio of the Synods should ratify the Constitution; (3) for the delegates to the Convention of the new Church, and (4) for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Ways and Means who should inquire into the legality of the whole procedure, and who should have final authority in dealing with all boards and agencies of the General Bodies to perfect the arrangements for merger.

The General Synod approved the Constitution and adopted the Merger Resolutions at its meeting at Chicago, on June 20-27, 1917; the General Council did likewise at its Fiftieth Anniversary meeting in Philadelphia, on October 24-29, 1917; and the United Synod in the South followed suit in its Convention at Salisbury, on November 6-8, 1917. Every one of the forty-three Synods composing the bodies ratified the new Constitution in the prescribed manner, except the Augustana Synod, which formally withdrew from the General Council, on Tuesday, November 12, 1918.

The Ways and Means Committee met at Baltimore, on February 6, 1918,

and organized by electing Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk Chairman, and Rev. Dr. J. A. Clutz Secretary. It held seven meetings of several days' sessions each, and has attempted to do five things thoroughly:

1st. On the Constitution adopted and By-Laws framed in harmony with it, to prepare the foundation and set up the machinery for the operation of the new Church;

2d. To secure the consolidation of all the various agencies in the three bodies, including boards and important organizations and committees, under model constitutions which would carry on the work of that particular department with greatest effectiveness;

3d. To properly co-ordinate, relate and organize each of these agencies to the central institution, the Church itself, and see that all their actions would spring forth harmoniously under its Constitution;

4th. To prepare the organization, including the incorporation, of the new Church in such way that its powers would be broad and ample, and that there would be no legal or other hitch between the transition from the old bodies to the new Church.

In furtherance of this purpose the Ways and Means Committee secured the services of expert corporation counsel in the person of Marcus S. Hottenstein, Esq., of New York, who made an exhaustive investigation of the corporation laws of the various states in the union, and who came to the conclusion that the Religious Corporations Act of the State of New York, originally drafted by the late Rev. Dr. John Nicum, was the one that conferred the broadest and most unrestricted powers, and would be best suited for the incorporation of a great religious body such as The United Lutheran Church in America, provided that the State Act were amended in certain particulars. Through the influence of our counsel we have succeeded in getting the Legislature at Albany to amend said act, the governor has signed the amended act, and it is now ready for us to utilize.

5th. To arrange for the present First Convention of the United Lutheran Church, to see to it that the organization of the meeting would be properly effected, that worthy programs would be prepared, that the business of the new Church would be properly dispatched, and in this way an efficient beginning of the new Church would be made.

One of the great difficulties the committee was obliged to encounter was the question of making the Constitution and By-Laws of the new Church sufficiently broad and general to include in it ample room for the Augustana Synod and other independent Lutheran Synods who might ultimately be moved to join with us as the one great Lutheran Church in America; and yet at the same time to centralize our organism sufficiently for effective practical work. The withdrawal of the Augustana Synod from the General Council has removed various of these difficulties. There, however, remains a broad provision for the inclusion of all bodies one with us in the Faith to enable us, in the words of our Preamble, to "now in-

vite, and until such end be attained, continue to invite all Evangelical Lutheran Congregations and Synods in America, one with us in the Faith, to unite with us" in this one general organization.

The committee is glad to report a merger of the Women's Missionary Societies of the various bodies in co-operation with us. The committee was obliged to decide, in behalf of the coming Church, for or against the organization of a National Lutheran Council. It decided in favor of the organization, and secured for it what we believe to be a safe constitutional basis, and one which will give the United Lutheran Church its full share of control. In order to adequately protect the existing endowment and property rights of the three bodies and their various boards, the committee has found it legally necessary that a nominal existence of the three general bodies be maintained for some time to come, and it has provided a method by which this can be done without interfering with the full powers and control of the United Church.

In concluding this report, we draw attention to the fact that our effort at a merger is more complete than any attempted by any Protestant denomination in this country, that the Faith of the Church, the good will of its membership, the mighty interests at stake, have, so far as the Constitution is concerned, been conserved, and that on this high and solemn day we have reached the consummation of a movement to found a nation-wide Lutheran Church in America, whose faint beginnings in united and comprehensive action date back as far as the years 1701, 1781, and 1820.

With devout gratitude to the Lord of grace and of glory, Who has brought us together into one Brotherhood; let us lift up our banner and press forward into the future; looking unto the Author and Finisher of our Faith, Who is the Head of the Church; and using His mighty Word, in our kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, to penetrate and leaven all the relations, conditions and problems with which Christianity is about to be confronted.

Unshaken as th' eternal hills,
Invincible she stands,
A mountain that shall fill the earth,
A house not made with hands.

THEODORE E. SCHMAUK,
Chairman Joint Committee of Ways and Means.

The following resolution, offered by the Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, was adopted:

Resolved, that the historical sketch leading up to the organization of the United Lutheran Church in America, prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee of Ways and Means, presented this day by its chairman, Rev. Theo. E. Schmauk, D.D., be entered *in extenso* on the Minutes of this

body and be published in pamphlet form. That it be referred to a special committee of three delegates, to be appointed by the President, to present to this body suitable resolutions expressive of the acknowledgment, appreciation and thanks of this body to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for the preparation of this historical sketch and of its varied manifold labors in preparing for the merger which now has been effected.

As a result of the second ballot for Secretary, the Tellers announced that Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., of Charleston, S. C., had been elected. By vote the election was made unanimous.

The President appointed Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., and Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., a committee to escort the newly-elected Secretary to the platform.

Upon motion, which was duly seconded and carried, Capt. Eugene L. Swan, of the War Department's Commission on Training Camp Activities, present at the request of the Surgeon General of the Army, addressed the Convention on the subject of "Vice in the Army and Navy".

Mr. Hager offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we pledge the fullest support of the United Lutheran Church in America to the government of the United States in the effort to meet the problem of vice which threatens the physical and spiritual welfare of the boys and girls, the men and women, of the United States.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Treasurer. Upon the first ballot Mr. E. Clarence Miller, of Philadelphia, was reported by the tellers (Groups 1 and 6) to have received a majority of votes, whereupon the President declared Mr. Miller elected. The vote was made unanimous *viva voce,* and the Treasurer was duly inducted into office.

On motion it was resolved that a special committee be appointed to which shall be referred the matter of preparing and publishing a Memorial Volume of this First Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

To this committee were referred also resolutions ordering the printing of the sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs on Thursday evening, and of the Historical Sketch read on Friday by the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Chairman of the Joint Committee on

Ways and Means. This special committee was further instructed to prepare resolutions concerning the work of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The President appointed the following members to serve on the special committee: Revs. E. K. Bell, D.D., G. W. Sandt, D.D., and W. H. Greever, D.D.

On motion it was ordered that all applications from associations and organizations concerning interests which they severally represent be referred to a special committee. The President appointed the following committee: Rev. C. M. Jacobs, Rev. J. C. Seegers and Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq.

The tellers who served in the election of the President were appointed to conduct the election of the Boards.

The President announced the presence of Mr. M. S. Hottenstein, legal adviser of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Upon invitation Mr. Hottenstein addressed the Convention, congratulating the United Lutheran Church upon the success of the Merger; and a vote of thanks was given Mr. Hottenstein for the invaluable service rendered by him as legal adviser.

The Secretary of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means presented the following report for the committee:

Report of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to the United Lutheran Church in America.

In presenting to The United Lutheran Church in America a report of the work of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, it seems proper to begin by reciting the action of the three general bodies by which provision was made for the appointment of such a committee and the nature and scope of its work were defined. At their several meetings in 1917 The General Synod, The General Council and The United Synod all took the following uniform action:

Resolved, that the President of the (name of body) be hereby directed to appoint a committee of eight, of which the President and the Secretary shall be *ex officio* members, to be known as the *Committee on Ways and Means* in the event that the Constitution is ratified, or as a *Continuation Committee* in case it is not ratified.

The duties of the Committee on Ways and Means shall embrace the following:

(a) To inquire into the legality of the entire matter of union and if necessary employ legal counsel.

(b) To be the arbiters to whom all questions shall be referred.

(c) To form with similar committees appointed by the other general bodies a Joint Committee on Ways and Means, to which must be referred the agreements between the several Boards and societies for final decision and which shall arrange and perfect all the details incident to the formation of the union and the holding of the first convention.

The several Committees on Ways and Means appointed under this resolution held their first joint meeting in Baltimore, Md., February 6th and 7th, 1918. The Joint Committee was organized by the election of Dr. T. E. Schmauk as Chairman and Dr. J. A. Clutz as Secretary.

Other meetings of the Joint Committee have been held in Baltimore, Md., April 3rd and 4th; Atlantic City, N. J., July 10-12; Harrisburg, Pa., August 23rd; Philadelphia, Pa., October 3rd and 4th; Baltimore, Md., October 22nd and 23rd; and New York City, November 11th and 12th. During this time one member was called away by death, the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.

The Joint Committee has used all diligence in its efforts to perform to the best of its ability the duties assigned to it by the action of the three general bodies providing for its appointment. In these efforts it has had the hearty and generous support of practically all the boards and other agencies and organizations concerned, and as the result arrangements have been made for the merging in due time of all the various activities in which they are engaged. The actual full and complete merging of all the interests and operations represented may be delayed somewhat in some cases by legal complications or other difficulties in the way, which must first be removed. But in nearly all cases the way has been prepared for the election of new boards or the appointment of new committees at once and at least the first steps towards a true union of interests and work.

Much of the business transacted by the Joint Committee has been of a preliminary character intended to prepare the way for the merger, and concerned the three general bodies separately rather than The United Lutheran Church. All such matters have been reported to the three bodies in their separate meetings held just prior to this meeting of the United Lutheran Church, and need not be repeated here. They are contained in the "Uniform Report" to the three general bodies. This report is in the hands of all the delegates and may be regarded as a part also of the report of the Joint Committee to this body.

The actions of the Joint Committee rehearsed in this report are such as directly concern The United Lutheran Church in America, and are necessary for information or guidance, or must have your approval to become effective. These the Joint Committee now presents in some detail, hoping that you will approve its work and accept and adopt its recommendations.

1. *The Selection of the Place of Meeting.*

One of the very first problems that the Joint Committee had to face was

the selection of the place in which the three general bodies should hold their preliminary sessions and then meet together for the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Consideration was given to Pittsburgh, Pa.; York, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Fort Wayne, Ind., and New York City. New York City was finally selected, and arrangements made accordingly.

2. *Certification of Delegates.*

The Constitution approved by the three general bodies, and also by their constituent Synods provides that the delegates of the several Synods to the last conventions of the three general bodies held prior to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church shall be their duly elected delegates to that body also. Article V, Section 1.

But no provision is made in the Constitution for the proper certification of such delegates. To cover this point the Joint Committee adopted the rule that "the secretaries of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South shall present to the secretary *pro tem* of The United Lutheran Church the credentials presented to the last conventions of each of the first named bodies by the duly enrolled delegates thereto, and such credentials shall be received and accepted as the credentials of the persons named therein as delegates from their respective Synods to the Convention of The United Lutheran Church, provided, that thereafter any necessary changes or corrections in the list of enrolled delegates to the Convention of The United Lutheran Church may be made only when directed by vote of those enrolled as aforesaid."

Rules were adopted also to govern any changes of the personnel of synodical delegations, and these were published in the church papers, and were also made a part of the uniform report of the Joint Committee to the three general bodies, which see.

3. *Paying Expenses of Delegates.*

The By-Laws proposed for adoption provide, Section II, Item 5, that the mileage of delegates to future conventions of The United Lutheran Church shall be paid from its treasury and that the apportionment for the general treasury be made sufficient to cover this expense. But as no such provision could be made at this first Convention, the Joint Committee adopted the rule that at this Convention each general body should make provision for the expenses of the delegates from its respective Synods in the way which it has followed heretofore. It has so informed each of the general bodies in its uniform report to them.

4. *Incorporation.*

The Constitution of The United Lutheran Church provides in Article X that it shall be incorporated. It does not provide when, or where, or how

it shall be done. In considering this matter it seemed to the Joint Committee eminently desirable that the body should be incorporated at the very beginning, and it early set itself to the task of determining where and how. It was finally decided that application for incorporation under the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York should be made. This law seemed to the Joint Committee to offer to The United Lutheran Church the largest liberty of action and the greatest advantages as an incorporated body. An amendment to the law was secured allowing it to have fifteen trustees, as provided for in the Constitution, Article XI, Section 1, instead of the smaller number which the law formerly made the maximum. Other steps have also been taken to prepare the way for this action, and especially to provide for such preliminary steps as may be necessary on the part of The United Lutheran Church.

5. *Preliminary Action Required for Incorporation.*

This has been given in part in the "Uniform Report" to the three general bodies, and also in the "Order of Procedure" which is in the hands of all the delegates. But in order to make this report complete it seems necessary to give the facts again. The Joint Committee has been advised by its legal counsel that it will be necessary to comply with the following requirements to satisfy the conditions for incorporation:

(a) The prescribed written notice of the application for incorporation must be read to the body on two different days.

(b) To meet this requirement a business meeting has been called for Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Central Park and 65th Street West. At this meeting temporary officers must be elected, a President and a Secretary, who will preside until after the election of the permanent officers. One of them must be a resident of the State of New York. The roll of delegates must also be called and absentees noted. The prescribed written notice of the application for incorporation must be read.

(c) At the second business meeting, at 9:00 A. M. on Friday, November 15, 1918, after devotional exercises, the roll of delegates must again be called and absentees noted.

(d) A resolution must be passed expressing the determination of the body to become incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. This resolution will be framed by the legal counsel, and the vote on it must be by rising, and the number of votes for and against must be recorded.

(e) A resolution must be passed to elect six ministers and six laymen who, together with the permanent officers, to be elected later, shall be the first trustees of the incorporated body. One of these trustees must be a resident of the State of New York.

(f) The election of permanent officers, a President, a Secretary and a

Treasurer. For the rules governing this election and all other elections see By-Laws, Section IV "On Elections".

(g) The election of six ministers and six laymen as trustees in accordance with paragraph (e) above. The Joint Committee has asked the Executive Committees of the three general bodies to make nominations for this election.

(h) The second reading of the written prescribed notice of application for incorporation, and the signing of the necessary papers by the temporary President and Secretary.

(i) The taking of these papers to Albany by the legal counsel, who will attend to the proper presentation of them to the necessary state officials.

(j) When notice has been received that the body has been incorporated it will be legally competent to transact business. Any business transacted pending such notice must then be formally ratified, including the election of the permanent officers.

6. *The Adoption of the Constitution.*

The Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America has been approved by the three general bodies and by all their constituent Synods that are joining in the merger. The Joint Committee has been advised, however, by its legal counsel that the Constitution must be formally adopted by the incorporated body, also that it must be adopted by a rising vote, a two-thirds vote being necessary.

7. *Adoption of By-Laws.*

The Joint Committee has given much time and labor to the drafting of By-Laws for The United Lutheran Church. A copy of these has been sent to every delegate attached to the formal notice of this meeting. Our legal counsel advises us that these By-Laws must be accepted or rejected as a whole by a rising vote, and that a two-thirds vote is required for adoption. If adopted, they can be amended afterwards by regular process if found desirable.

8. *Merging the Boards, etc.*

One of the earliest acts of the Joint Committee was to ask all the benevolent boards and other agencies operating within and under the three general bodies to submit plans for the merging of their work under corresponding boards and agencies of The United Lutheran Church. The response to this request was general, and prompt and cordial. Subsequently many conferences and much correspondence were had with these boards and agencies by the sub-committees that were charged with this work.

The question of the location of the merged boards was also regarded by the Joint Committee as one of great importance. It seemed to the committee to be important also that this question of location should be settled

in advance, as far as possible, as the location of the several boards would necessarily have much to do with the selection of their members. It would also tend to eliminate the personal element from the determination of the location of boards. It seemed to the Joint Committee to be best, also, that the boards should be distributed as widely as possible throughout the Church. In deciding this matter, therefore, the Joint Committee has sought earnestly and honestly to be governed solely by a consideration of the best interests of the work committed to the several boards and the best interests of the entire new body, The United Lutheran Church in America.

As the result of its deliberations the Joint Committee now recommends to The United Lutheran Church in America the establishing of the following list of boards, as provided for in the By-Laws, and also their location as indicated herewith:

A Foreign Mission Board located at Baltimore, Md.
A Home Mission and Church Extension Board located at Pittsburgh, Pa.
A Board of Northwestern Missions located at New York City.
A Board of Slav-Hungarian Missions located at Harrisburg, Pa.
A West Indies Board located at New York City.
A Board of Education located at Washington, D. C.
An Inner Mission Board located at Chicago, Ill.
A Board of Publication located at Philadelphia, Pa.
A Board of Ministerial Relief located at Richmond, Va.
A Sunday School Board located at Philadelphia, Pa.
A Board of Deaconess Work located at Baltimore, Md.
A Board for the Home for the Aged located at Washington, D. C.
A Standing Committee for Jewish Missions.

9. *A Model Constitution for Boards.*

At the meeting of the Joint Committee in Atlantic City, July 10-12, it adopted a Model Constitution for the several boards of The United Lutheran Church. Besides the usual constitutional provisions for Name of Board, Membership, Officers, Meetings, Objects, etc., this Model Constitution provides in Article II that each board shall carry on, superintend and promote the work under its care "in the name of The United Lutheran Church in America, and in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis, Constitution, Acts and Rulings of said United Lutheran Church in America."

All the proposed new Boards have framed their Constitutions in accordance with the spirit if not the exact language of this Model Constitution, and all of them contain the provision quoted above.

At the meeting of the Joint Committee in Baltimore, October 22nd and

23rd, action was taken requiring that "in all Board Constitutions a provision be inserted that all literature to be published by them shall be subject to the direction of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church". These Constitutions will be submitted in due time, and your approval of them is recommended.

10. *Co-operation of the Augustana Synod in Foreign Mission Work.*

At the meeting of the Joint Committee in Atlantic City, July 10-12, a committee of the Augustana Synod appeared before it with a request on behalf of the Synod that it be permitted to continue to co-operate in the support of the missions in India, Japan and Porto Rico, on substantially the same basis as in the past; also that the Synod be permitted to continue to assist in the support of religious work among Lutheran students at the different State Universities, and that this work at the Minnesota State University be assigned to the Augustana Synod.

The Joint Committee welcomed this desire for co-operation on the part of the Augustana Synod in the work of Foreign Missions, and agreed to recommend that the request of the Synod be granted as far as found legally possible. The Constitution of the new Board of Foreign Missions provides, therefore, for an advisory membership for representatives of the Augustana Synod, but not for voting membership. This was done because the Joint Committee was advised by legal counsel that any other action might jeopardize the interests of The United Lutheran Church.

The Joint Committee recommends that this action be approved.

In reference to the work among students at the State Universities it was replied that the request of the Augustana Synod would be referred to the Board of Education of The United Lutheran Church, which will have this work in charge.

11. *Work Among Lutheran Students in State Universities, etc.*

The care and direction of religious work among Lutheran students in the State Universities and other undenominational universities and colleges has been committed to the Board of Education, and is provided for in its Constitution.

12. *Missions in South America.*

At the meeting of the Joint Committee in Baltimore, October 22nd and 23rd, the matter of the care and support of missison work in South America was presented and considered in connection with a communication from the Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society. The following action was taken:

Whereas, the Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society has founded a mission in Buenos Aires, South America, and has from the beginning expressed its purpose to commit the said mission to the care of The United Lutheran Church; therefore,

Resolved, that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommends that The United Lutheran Church, at its first Convention, shall refer this work to its Executive Board for investigation and recommendation.

This recommendation is now before you for your action.

13. *The Sunday School Board.*

As this is a new board and the work proposed for it is quite comprehensive and very important, it seems advisable to report the action of the Joint Committee in some detail. It was based on a plan of merger submitted by the representatives of the editorial committees on Sunday School work of the three general bodies. This plan was as follows:

1. That the common Sunday School system be that of The United Lutheran Church and be under its control.

2. That The United Lutheran Church elect a Sunday School board of twelve at its first Convention.

3. That this board develop a plan for all Sunday School literature, with due reference to joint work already accomplished, over which plan and work it shall have full initiative and editorial control, subject to the approval of The United Lutheran Church.

4. That the system be inaugurated by the Fall of 1921, and

5. That the appropriations for the work of the Sunday School Board, the size and times for the delivery of manuscripts, and other mechanical matters be determined jointly by the Sunday School Board and the Publication Board.

6. That the Sunday School Board have advisory oversight over the Sunday Schools with reference to methods of progress, to library books to be recommended, to general Sunday School Conventions and summer schools and all festival programs. After consultation with the Common Service Book Committee it shall prepare hymnals for Sunday School use.

This plan was approved by the Joint Committee and is now recommended to The United Lutheran Church for its approval also.

14. *Merging of Church Papers.*

The Sub-Committee on Church Papers offered the following resolutions to be presented to The United Lutheran Church with a favorable recommendation for their adoption:

Resolved 1. That the Boards, Committees or individuals having in charge *The Lutheran, The Lutheran Church Visitor* and the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer* be and are hereby directed to submit to the Standing Committee on Church Papers propositions for the merging of these three respective papers into one official organ of The United Lutheran Church with the name, *The Lutheran.*

Resolved 2. That the aforesaid Standing Committee be and is hereby authorized and directed to provide for the founding and publication of this official organ as soon as practicable after the three Boards of Publication have merged and are prepared to publish it.

Resolved 3. That the Standing Committee be instructed to allow, at its discretion, the use of several pages for the publication, under the supervision of the editors, of such matter as may be demanded by the needs of certain sections of the Church.

Resolved 4. That those who have charge of the German church papers published by the authority of one of the general bodies uniting, or otherwise, be hereby urged to consolidate such papers under the direction of the Standing Committee on Church Papers.

These resolutions were adopted by the Joint Committee and are now submitted with its recommendation that they be made the action of this Convention.

15. *Special Standing Committees.*

Besides the usual standing committees, provisison is made in the By-Laws for a number of standing committees of great importance, to which attention is hereby called. See By-Laws, Section V, Division B, and Items 6 to 9. Two of these committees, that on Church Papers and that for Jewish Missions, are made elective.

16. *Budget and Apportionments.*

Inasmuch as it would be difficult, if not impossible, for any committee appointed during the sessions of this first Convention of The United Lutheran Church to make up a budget and lay apportionments to meet the needs of The United Lutheran Church and its various boards and other benevolent agencies during the next two years, the Joint Committee constituted the presidents of the three general bodies, or such persons as they may appoint, "a committee to prepare a general budget and apportionments to be presented at the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church". The Joint Committee trusts that this action will meet with your approval, and the committee thus appointed will report in due time.

17. *Form of Bequest.*

The Joint Committee recommends that the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church be instructed to prepare and publish a general "Form of Devise and Bequest" for the information and use of all benevolently inclined persons who may wish to bequeath money or property to any of the boards of the Church.

18. *The Women's Missionary Society.*

From the very beginning of the movement towards the merging of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod, the Women's Missionary Societies connected with these bodies have been deeply interested in it and have been eager to co-operate. The three Executive Committees, or their representatives, met in Pittsburgh and framed a Constitution for a Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church, which Constitution has been approved by the Joint Committee.

Arrangements have been made for conventions of the Women's Federated Missionary Societies of the three general bodies in this city on Friday, November 15th, and The Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America will be organized in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Saturday, November 16th.

19. *The Parent Education Society and The Lutheran Historical Society.*

These are two societies of a general character, of long standing, and which have always held their meetings in connection with the biennial conventions of the General Synod.

The Parent Education Society holds a few scholarships, the use of which it grants to deserving students. It also occasionally receives small sums of money in payment of notes held against young men whom it has assisted in their preparation for the ministry. Such funds are always immediately appropriated again for the help of other young men in Lutheran institutions. The Executive Committee of this society reported to the Joint Committee that it would request the society to form a self-perpetuating committee or board to maintain a legal existence so long as may be necessary. The Joint Committee recommends the approval of this proposition.

The Lutheran Historical Society is a general organization for the purpose of collecting and preserving Lutheran historical material, books, pamphlets, periodicals, manuscripts, photographs, etc. It now has a library and collection of great value which is kept in connection with the library of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, in a compartment set apart for that purpose. Its expenses have been met by a biennial appropriation from the treasury of the General Synod Lutheran Board of Publication. The Joint Committee recommends that "the Lutheran Historical Society be authorized to hold a meeting (and if practicable an anniversary) in connection with the biennial meeting of The United Lutheran Church in America, arrangements to be made in conjunction with the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church".

20. *The National Lutheran Council.*

At the meeting of the Joint Committee in Harrisburg, August 23rd, it was called to consider what attitude should be taken by The United Lutheran Church towards the organization of a national Lutheran Federal Council, and also towards a Federation of all Lutheran Synods in America.

The committee decided not to favor a mere federation of Lutheran Synods, but it did approve, under certain conditions, the plan to organize a Lutheran federal council or commission. In reference to this the following action was taken:

Resolved, that the Ways and Means Committee approve and, in behalf of the three general bodies, authorize a Lutheran Federal Council; *provided* that the coming Chicago meeting of Presidents adopt a regular constitutional form of organization and administration for said Council which

shall provide for a definite and regular succession of membership, thus limiting the term of each member, and a due form of election by each body of the members to which the body is entitled; and *provided* that in said form of organization the membership elected by each body shall be made responsible to its body for the action of the Lutheran Federal Council and shall report to the body at every regular meeting, and to the officers thereof whenever so requested.

At a later meeting of the Joint Committee, in Philadelphia, October 3rd and 4th, it was reported that "in accordance with the action taken by the Joint Committee in Harrisburg, the National Lutheran Council was organized in Chicago, a Constitution adopted and an Executive Committee appointed".

The action of the National Lutheran Council organized in Chicago was approved by the Joint Committee, and the entire matter is referred to this body.

21. *Salaried Officers for The United Lutheran Church.*

During the several meetings of the Joint Committee the expediency of attaching a salary to the offices of President and Secretary in The United Lutheran Church was frequently mentioned and discussed. The lay members of the committee were especially interested in this proposition. They insisted that such a movement would be in harmony with modern business methods and in the interest of greater efficiency and progress. Finally, at the meeting of the Joint Committee in Baltimore, October 22nd and 23rd, the following action was proposed by a layman and was adopted:

Resolved 1. That the Joint Committee on Ways and Means regards it as essential to the efficiency and progress of The United Lutheran Church in America that the President and Secretary of the new body should be able to devote their entire time and energies to the Church's service.

Resolved 2. That the Joint Committee therefore recommends to The United Lutheran Church that the President be paid a salary of $5,000.00 per annum and expenses; likewise, that the Secretary be paid a salary of $3,000.00 per annum and expenses.

Resolved 3. That the Treasurer be made an allowance sufficient to cover the expenses of his office.

This recommendation is now submitted to you for your consideration and action.

22. *Continuation of General Bodies.*

The Joint Committee was advised repeatedly, both by its legal counsel and by the attorneys on the committee, as well as by others, that it would be desirable for the three general bodies uniting in the merger to continue to maintain, at least for a time, a legal existence in order fully to safeguard all their property rights and other interests. The committee is advised that

a like course may be expedient for the boards that are being merged. Elaborate provisions have been made, therefore, in accordance with this advice, and these have been fully set forth in the "Uniform Report" of the several ways and means committees to their respective bodies, which report was authorized and approved by the Joint Committee. It is not deemed necessary to repeat these provisions in this report, neither is any action required by The United Lutheran Church unless it would be to express its approval of the general plan and to agree to co-operate heartily in carrying it out. This the Joint Committee recommends.

23. *Completion of the Work of Merging.*

In the "Uniform Report" referred to above the Joint Committee recommended that each of the general bodies take action expressing the judgment that the work thus far carried forward by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means should now be committed to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church. The committee presumes that such action has been taken by each of the general bodies. It therefore recommends that this action be approved by this Convention and the Executive Board instructed to act accordingly.

24. *Future Bills.*

The Joint Committee recommends that The United Lutheran Church assume the responsibility for all future bills of expense incurred in the further prosecution of the work of merging the three bodies and authorize their payment by its Treasurer on the presentation of proper vouchers.

25. *Programs for Meetings.*

The Joint Committee understood it to be a part of its duty as set forth in the action of the three general bodies quoted at the beginning of this report, to make full arrangements for all the meetings necessary to the successful launching of the merger. It has therefore prepared and printed an elaborate "Order of Procedure" for the first two days of this first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, and has placed the same in the hands of all the delegates.

This "Order of Procedure" provides for the Communion Service on Thursday evening, for the first business sessions on Thursday afternoon and on Friday, and also for the public merger meeting on Friday evening. A few changes in the order may be found necessary by reason of unforeseen contingencies. But the committee believes that it can be followed in the main, and that it will facilitate the work of the Convention, and assist in the successful organization of The United Lutheran Church.

26. *Conference of the Executive Board with the New Boards.*

The Joint Committee recommends that the Executive Board shall hold a conference with the members of all boards elected at the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church as soon as practicable.

27. *Resolved,* That in accordance with the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, and the action of the three general bodies, the Secretary of this body be instructed to publish the Minutes of the three general bodies in the same volume with the Minutes of this Convention, and to make satisfactory arrangements with the secretaries of those bodies to secure the copy for this purpose.

28. The Joint Committee recommends that at this first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America all board secretaries present but not delegates be invited to seats in the Convention.

29. *Acknowledgments.*

Before closing this report, the Joint Committee wishes to express its high appreciation of the great courtesy and the hearty co-operation of the New York local Committee of Arrangements in all the work of preparing for this Convention, and of the generous support of all the pastors and people represented by this committee.

Without this co-operation and support it would have been impossible for the Joint Committee to have completed its work successfully. The local committee has not only placed the largest and finest Lutheran churches, with all their conveniences, at the service of the three general bodies for their separate meetings, but it has also provided the large and commodious halls for the business sessions of the Convention and for the great public merger meeting on Friday evening. Many other courtesies have been extended to the Joint Committee, or provided for the comfort and convenience of the delegates and visitors. It has also arranged the splendid musical features for the Friday evening meeting. For all these favors the Joint Committee hereby expresses its grateful acknowledgment, and recommends suitable action by The United Lutheran Church at the proper time.

And now, in closing, the Joint Committee offers this report and all its work to this body with profound gratitude to God for the great privilege it has enjoyed of doing something for the unification of our beloved Lutheran Church. It prays that the richest blessings of God the Father, and God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, may ever rest upon The United Lutheran Church in America, that it may be divinely guided and prospered in all its future work, and that it may be used as an instrument in God's hands to hasten the day when at least all the Lutherans in America shall be one in name and one in fact, as they now are one in faith, and our Lord's prayer for the unity of His Church be answered thus far.

Item 8. The following resolutions offered by Dr. Clutz concerning the location of Boards were adopted:

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means respecting the location of boards be approved as a general scheme desirable for the future.

Resolved 2. That the location of the boards elected at this first Convention of The United Lutheran Church be referred to the boards themselves subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Item 9. On motion it was resolved that the Constitutions of the several Boards be approved. (For subsequent action see Resolution by Dr. Singmaster on page 62.)

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Kunzman, was adopted:

Resolved, That we approve of the Constitution of the Home Mission and Church Extension Board, of the Northwestern Board and of the Slav Board, and that we ask these boards to meet together during the interim and endeavor to arrange for the unification of their work under one board.

Item 10. The recommendation was approved. The following resolution, referred by the General Council to the United Lutheran Church, was adopted:

Facing, as the Church now does, enlarged problems which must be solved in the world; and, in view of the large interests of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Foreign Mission work, be it

Resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America do instruct and direct its Board of Foreign Missions to appoint three of its members, as a special commission, to invite the appointment, and meet and co-operate with similar commissions from other recognized Lutheran bodies to form a Lutheran Foreign Mission Commission through which all the Foreign Mission work of the Lutheran Church may be co-ordinated and administered conjointly for and by all Lutheran bodies joining in such commission.

Items 12, 13, 14 adopted.

Item 16 approved. The committee appointed is as follows: L. Russell Alden, Esq., George E. Neff, Esq., Messrs. E. Clarence Miller, W. H. Hager and A. H. Kohn.

Item 17. Adopted as amended.

Item 18. The President, together with the Sub-Committee on Parallel Agencies of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, was requested to convey the fraternal greetings of this body to the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Item 19. Adopted as amended.

Item 20. Dr. Weller, at the request of the President, explained the origin and aims of the National Lutheran Council, and offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Moved and adopted, that The United Lutheran Church in America has heard with gratification of the inception and organization of the National Lutheran Council, its objects and purposes.

Moved and adopted, that we do ratify the acts of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South in appointing representatives to act with the National Lutheran Council.

Moved and adopted, that The United Lutheran Church in America expresses its readiness to co-operate with all other Lutheran bodies in America, for the objects and purposes stated in the Constitution of the National Lutheran Council, and hereby authorizes its President to appoint and duly accredit representatives of The United Lutheran Church in America, in a number proportionate to one representative for each one hundred thousand communicant members or one-third fraction of a hundred thousand.

Moved and adopted, that we commend the undertaking of a joint Protestant drive for a large fund to be used in the solution of problems which world conditions now press for solution—a fund which shall be raised in and applied by each denomination.

Resolved, That we pledge The United Lutheran Church to support earnestly, among all its people, such fund to be placed at the disposal and the administration of the National Lutheran Council.

Item 21. The resolutions were adopted as the action of this body.

Item 22. Adopted as amended.

Items 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. Adopted.

Item 29. The acknowledgment of favors shown by the New York Local Committee of Arrangements was approved, and appreciation expressed by a rising vote. The Secretary was instructed to report this action to the committee.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Tellers appointed to conduct the election of the Executive Board reported. The result was announced as follows:

Executive Board.

For Four Years—Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., George E. Neff, Esq., Mr. William H. Hager, Mr. Frederick Henrich.

For Two Years—Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D.D., Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., Prof. E. F. Krauss, D.D., Mr. Harvey C. Miller, Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Hon. C. M. Efird.

On motion the election was made unanimous.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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MERGER MEETING

In the presence of an immense audience the Public Merger Meeting was held according to program in the Grand Auditorium of the Hotel Astor, Forty-fourth Street and Broadway, on Friday evening, November the 15th, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America, presided.

The following was

The Order of Service.

The procession entered in the following order:

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The New York Committee on Arrangements.

The Officers of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The Delegates from the Synods of the General Synod in the order of their organization.

The Delegates from the Synods of the General Council in the order of their organization.

The Delegates from the Synods of the United Synod in the order of their organization.

PRELUDE

March, "Le Prophete".....*Meyerbeer*

MR. C. H. BOOTH,

Organist and Choirmaster of the Church of the Advent.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

HYMN 201—"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow."

THE VERSICLE

THE PSALM.....The REV. G. U. WENNER, D.D., L.H.D.

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.....The REV. JOHN J. HEISCHMANN, D.D.

THE PRAYER.....The Rev. Frank F. Fry, D.D.

ADDRESS.....The Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D.

TENOR SOLO—Celeste Aida.....*Vendi*
Mr. Paul Althouse,
of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

ADDRESS.....The Rev Melanchthon G. G. Scherer, D.D.

CHORUS—Gloria from Mass, in C Major (No. 3).....*Booth*
Miss Josephine Forsythe, *Soprano*
Mr. John H. Boschen, Jr., *Bass*

Chorus

Soprani
Miss Katherine Berger
Miss Lillian Waehman
Miss Pauline Baum
Miss Katherine Maurer

Alti
Miss Maybelle Moore
Miss Lucy Delfs
Miss Marguerite Hartung

Bassi
Mr. John Kuehne
Mr. M. Williams

Tenori
Mr. G. M. James
Mr. R. Roesch
Dr. J. Wortman

ADDRESS.....The Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.

TENOR SOLO—Crying of Water.....*Campbell Tipton*
Bitterness of Love.....*Dunn*
Morning and Sunlight.....*Strickland*
Mr. Paul Althouse

GREETINGS.....The Rev. Junius B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D.
Introduced by the Rev. John E. Heindel, D.D.,
Chairman of the New York Committee of Arrangements.

RESPONSE.....The Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D.,
President of the United Lutheran Church

The Rev. Prof. L. W. Boe, of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, was introduced and conveyed the greetings of that body. A letter of greetings from the Danish United Lutheran Church was read; also a cablegram conveying the greetings of the French Lutheran Church.

HYMN 195—"A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN 490—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

FOURTH SESSION

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES' HALL,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1918,
9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Devotional service was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Wiles, D.D.

The Minutes of the sessions of Thursday and Friday were read and approved.

On motion the Rev. Dr. J. A. Clutz, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, was requested to act as assistant to the President and Secretary.

The committee appointed to fix the time for hearing representatives of special interests reported. On motion it was resolved that time be given for this purpose on Monday, subject to arrangement by the chairman of the committee.

The following, offered by the Rev. S. W. Herman, D.D., was adopted:

Moved that The United Lutheran Church in America constitutes its Board of Publication of ten of the clergy and eleven of the laity, and that it request the representatives of the former boards in attendance upon this convention to readjust their nominations, if they so desire.

The Rev. George J. Gongaware, D.D., led in prayer and the Convention adjourned.

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FIFTH SESSION

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES' HALL,
SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 1918, 2:30 P. M.

The Convention having been called to order, the Rev. C. P. Bastian led in prayer.

The following standing resolution, offered by the Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., was adopted.

Standing Resolution.

Resolved, That no member of the Executive Board shall be a member of any other board; provided, however, that this resolution shall not apply to those elected to boards at this meeting.

The Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Constitutions of boards and other organizations approved by the Ways and Means Committee, together with such amendments as have been made by The United Lutheran Church at the present Convention be and are hereby approved, and

Resolved, That boards and other organizations whose Constitutions have not been submitted be and are hereby directed to submit the same to the Executive Board for its action.

The following telegram was read by the President, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 16, 1918, 10:21 A. M.

REV. F. F. FRY, D.D.,
Engineering Societies' Auditorium,
29 West Thirty-ninth St., New York, N. Y.

Secretary of State of New York has filed certificate of Incorporation, and The United Lutheran Church in America is now incorporated. Long may she live and glorious may her history be.

M. S. HOTTENSTEIN.

By unanimous rising vote the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, already adopted by the district Synods, was adopted as a whole. The By-Laws were in like manner unanimously adopted as a whole.

Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America.

PREAMBLE.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Having been called by the Gospel and made partakers of the grace of God, and, by faith, members of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and, through Him, of one another,

We, members of Evangelical Lutheran congregations in America, associ-

ated in Evangelical Lutheran Synods, recognizing our duty as people of God to make the inner unity which we have with one another manifest in the common confession, defense and maintenance of our faith, and in united efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad; realizing the vastness of the field that God has assigned us for our labors in this Western world, and the greatness of the resources within our beloved Church which are only feebly employed for this purpose; conscious of our need of mutual assistance and encouragement; and relying upon the promise of the divine Word that He who hath begun this work will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus,

Hereby unite, and now invite and until such end be attained continue to invite all Evangelical Lutheran congregations and synods in America, one with us in the faith, to unite with us, upon the terms of this Constitution, in one general organization, to be known as THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name and title of the body organized under this Constitution shall be THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE II. DOCTRINAL BASIS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

Section 2. The United Lutheran Church in America accepts the three ecumenical creeds: namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian, as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

Section 3. The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

Section 4. The United Lutheran Church in America recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

ARTICLE III. PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION.

In accordance with the foregoing Doctrinal Basis, The United Lutheran

Church in America sets forth and declares the following principles as fundamental to its organization:

Section 1. All power in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. This power is not delegated to any man or body of men.

Section 2. All just power exercised by the Church has been committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and sacraments, and is conditioned by this end and pertains to her as the servant of Jesus Christ. The Church, therefore, has no power to bind the conscience except as she teaches what her Lord teaches and faithfully commands what He has charged her to command.

Section 3. Congregations are the primary bodies through which power committed by Christ to the Church is normally exercised.

Section 4. In addition to the pastors of churches, who are *ex officio* representatives of their congregations, the people have the right to choose representatives from their own number to act for them under such constitutional limitations as the congregations may approve.

Section 5. The representatives of congregations convened in Synod and acting in accordance with their Constitution are, for the ends defined in it representatively the congregations themselves, and have the right to call and set apart ministers for the common work of all the congregations; whose representatives they thereby become, and as such also members of the Synod.

Section 6. Congregations representatively constituting the various Synods may elect delegates through those Synods to represent them in a general body, all decisions of which, when made in accordance with the Constitution, bind so far as the terms of mutual agreement make them binding, those congregations and Synods which consent to be represented in the general body.

Section 7. In the formation and administration of a general body, the Synods may know and deal with each other only as Synods. In all such cases, the official record is to be accepted as evidence of the doctrinal position of each Synod and of the principles for which alone the other Synods are responsible by connection with it.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America at its organization shall consist of the congregations that compose the Evangelical Lutheran Synods which have been in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America, or the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and which accept this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II.

Section 2. Any Evangelical Lutheran Synod applying for admission which has accepted this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II, and whose Constitution has been approved by the Executive Board, may be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular Convention.

ARTICLE V. DELEGATES.

Section 1. Each Synod connected with The United Lutheran Church in America shall be entitled to representation at its Conventions by one ordained minister and one layman for every ten pastoral charges, or major fraction thereof, on its roll; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate; and provided further that the delegates elected by the Synods to the last conventions of the general bodies to which they respectively belong held prior to the first Convention hereunder, shall be and they are in the adoption hereof chosen by their respective Synods as their duly elected delegates to said first Convention hereunder, irrespective of the basis of representation upon which they were chosen. The ratio of representation may be changed at any regular Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America by a two-thirds vote, provided that notice of the proposed change has been given at the preceding regular Convention.

Section 2. Each Synod shall choose its delegates in such manner as it may deem proper. The delegates from each Synod shall elect one of their own number as chairman unless the Synod itself has designated the chairman.

ARTICLE VI. OBJECTS.

The objects of The United Lutheran Church in America are:

Section 1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments. (Eph. 4:5, 6; The Augsburg Confession, Article VII.)

Section 2. To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16; I Cor. 1:10), to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17), and to strengthen the Church in faith and confession.

Section 3. To express outwardly the spiritual unity of Lutheran congregations and Synods, to cultivate co-operation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, to seek the unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith, and thus to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principle and practice and make their strength effective.

Section 4. To awaken, co-ordinate and effectively direct the energies of the Church in such operations as the following:

(a). The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word.

(b). The extension of the kingdom of God by Home, Foreign and Inner Missions.

(c). The proper regulation of the human externals of worship, that the same, in character and administration, may be in keeping with the New Testament and the liberty of the Church, and may edify the Body of Christ.

(d). The appointment of editorial committees or editors of Church papers and Sunday School literature.

(e). The preparation and publication of such literature as shall promote the dissemination of knowledge as to the doctrines, practice, progress, and needs of the Lutheran Church.

(f). The creation, organization and development, through boards and committees, of agencies to carry on all departments of work.

Section 5. To lay apportionments, and to solicit and disburse the funds necessary for these and other purposes defined in this Constitution.

Section 6. To foster and develop the work of Synods, to exercise a general supervision of the Church, and on appeal of Synods to give counsel and to adjudicate questions of doctrine, worship and discipline.

Section 7. To enter into relations with other bodies in the unity of the faith and to exchange official delegates with them.

ARTICLE VII. CONVENTIONS.

Section 1. A Convention of the duly elected delegates of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be held at least once in every two years, at such time and place as may be determined by the preceding Convention of the body, or by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special Conventions shall be called by the officers at the request of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board, or at the request of the presidents of a majority of the Synods. The delegates shall be those who represented the Synods at the previous regular Convention, provided they have not been disqualified by removal or by the election of new delegates. Vacancies in delegations shall be filled according to the rules of the respective Synods.

Section 3. A majority of the delegates representing a majority of the Synods shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII. POWERS.

Section 1. *As to External Relations.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to form and dissolve relations with other general bodies, organizations and movements. To secure uniform and consistent practice no Synod, Conference or Board, or any official representative thereof, shall have power of independent affiliation with general organizations and movements.

Section 2. *As to Internal Relations.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to deal with internal matters that affect all its constituent Synods or the activities of The United Lutheran Church as a whole, except that when the operation of such power takes place within the domain of any of the Synods their consent and co-operation must first be secured.

Section 3. *As to Intersynodical Dealings.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to address and counsel its constituent Synods for the promotion of intersynodical harmony. Any question of interpretation of law, rights, or principle, that comes within its jurisdiction, or any proper cases referred to it on appeal of a Synod, shall be determined by a Commission of Adjudication hereinafter provided for.

Section 4. *As to Individual Synods and Specific Cases.* If Synods have had due and legal opportunity to be represented in the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America, they are bound by all resolutions that have been passed in accordance with this Constitution. But each Synod retains every power, right and jurisdiction in its own internal affairs not expressly delegated to The United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 5. *As to Doctrine and Conscience.* All matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided according to the Word of God alone. If, on grounds of doctrine or conscience, the question be raised as to the binding character of any action, the said question shall be referred to the Commission of Adjudication. Under no circumstances shall the right of a minority be disregarded or the right to record an individual protest on the ground of conscience be refused.

Section 6. *As to the Maintenance of Principle and Practice.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall protect and enforce its Doctrinal Basis, secure pure preaching of the Word of God and the right administration of the sacraments in all its Synods and congregations. It shall also have the right, where it deems that loyalty to the Word of God requires it, to advise and admonish concerning association and affiliation with non-ecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices appear to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church, but the Synods alone shall have the power of discipline.

Section 7. *As to Books of Devotion and Instruction, etc.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall provide books of devotion and instruction, such as Liturgies, Hymn Books and Catechisms, and no Synod without its sanction shall publish or recommend books of this kind other than those provided by the general body.

Section 8. *As to Work and Administration.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have the power to engage in the work described under "Objects" (see Article VI), to create and regulate boards and committees, to determine budgets, and to lay apportionments.

Section 9. The executive power of The United Lutheran Church in

America shall be vested in the officers of the general body, in an Executive Board, and in various other boards for special purposes, subject to this Constitution and the Conventions of the general body.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention and shall serve until their successors are elected. The President, who shall be an ordained minister, and the Secretary shall be chosen from the delegates present.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all sessions of the Convention, shall have the appointment of committees, unless The United Lutheran Church otherwise direct; shall see that the Constitution be observed and resolutions carried out; shall sign all official papers, and shall discharge such other duties as are delegated to him by the Convention.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attest all documents of the body, and publish the time and place of the next meeting at least two months in advance. In case of a special meeting he shall give a written notice thereof to the President of each of the Synods immediately upon the issue of the call, and shall publish the same at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys, and keep an account of all his transactions and submit a report of the same at each regular Convention. He shall make disbursements only upon the order of the President, attested by the Secretary. He shall be required to give corporate surety in such amount as shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 5. In the event of the death, resignation or incapacity of any officer in the interim between Conventions, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE X. INCORPORATION.

The United Lutheran Church in America shall be incorporated.

ARTICLE XI. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Section 1. The Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, which shall also be its Board of Trustees, shall consist of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the general body who shall also be the officers of the Executive Board, together with six ministerial and six lay members who shall be elected by the general body for a term of four years.

Section 2. At the first election three ministerial and three lay members shall be elected to serve four years, and three ministerial and three lay

members to serve two years. Thereafter three ministerial and three lay members shall be elected at each regular Convention to serve four years.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet at stated times. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to represent The United Lutheran Church in America and to carry out its resolutions and attend to its business during the interim; it shall co-ordinate the work of the executive departments, receive reports as to the work and needs of the several boards, present a budget to the Conventions with apportionments, fill vacancies not otherwise provided for, and perform such other work as may be delegated to it by the general body, to which it shall make full report of its acts.

ARTICLE XII. COMMISSION OF ADJUDICATION.

Section 1. A Commission of Adjudication shall be established to which shall be referred, for interpretation and decision, all disputed questions of doctrine and practice, and this Commission shall constitute a court for the decision of all questions of principle or action arising within The United Lutheran Church in America, and which have been properly referred to it by resolution or by appeal of any of the Synods.

Section 2. This Commission of Adjudication shall consist of nine members, six ministers and three laymen, learned in the doctrine, the law and the practice of the Church. All of the members of this Commission shall be elected at the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, two ministers and one layman for a period of six years, two ministers and one layman for a period of four years, and two ministers and one layman for a period of two years. As their terms expire their successors shall be elected at each Convention for a term of six years.

Section 3. The Commission shall elect its own officers, and shall meet at least semi-annually for the transaction of business. When it holds meetings, or renders decisions, due notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given by its secretary to all persons interested, and a standing notice of the time and place of its regular meetings shall be published in the Church papers.

Section 4. The consent of at least six members shall always be necessary for a decision.

Section 5. The commission shall render a written report of all its actions and decisions to the next regular Convention, but the right of appeal from its decisions shall always be recognized.

ARTICLE XIII. BOARDS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America shall determine the number of members in the several boards which it shall create, and these boards shall always be amenable to it.

Section 2. All members of boards shall be elected by The United Luth-

eran Church in America. Vacancies occurring in any board ad interim shall be filled by the Executive Board of the Church on nomination of the board in which the vacancy exists. No person shall be a member of more than two boards at one and the same time. No member of any board, including the Executive Board, shall be a member of the Commission of Adjudication; but the President of The United Lutheran Church shall at all times have a seat and a voice in all the boards and in the Commission of Adjudication.

Section 3. These boards, upon the determination of the general body, shall secure articles of incorporation which must be in harmony with the purposes of The United Lutheran Church in America; but no board shall apply for incorporation until its proposed charter shall have received the approval of the general body in Convention, or, in the interim, of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The boards, unless otherwise provided, shall have power to elect their own officers and employees, and to carry on their work in accordance with the design of their appointment. No member of a board shall be a salaried employee thereof.

Section 5. The boards shall require corporate surety from their respective treasurers. At each regular Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, they shall render full and accurate reports of their work during the preceding biennium.

Section 6. The Woman's Missionary Society, as auxiliary to boards of The United Lutheran Church in America, shall have the right to appoint two women as advisory members of each of the missionary and benevolent boards to the support of whose work they regularly or officially contribute.

ARTICLE XIV. SYNODS.

Section 1. No Synod in connection with The United Lutheran Church in America shall alter its geographical boundaries without the permission of the general body.

Section 2. Synods shall give advice to their ministers and congregations concerning doctrine, life and administration, and shall exercise such disciplinary measures as may be necessary.

Section 3. The Presidents of Synods shall exercise an oversight of the pastors and congregations composing their respective Synods, and shall be charged with the duty of carrying out the rules and regulations adopted by the Synods. When requested by the Executive Board they shall appear before it to represent their Synods. They may also make suggestions to the Executive Board, or seek its advice, with respect to the conditions and work in their Synods.

Section 4. Should any Synod in connection with The United Lutheran

Church in America desire to continue its established lines of work for reasons satisfactory to the general body, such privilege may be granted.

ARTICLE XV. COMMITTEES, BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America may appoint special and standing committees. It may adopt By-Laws for the transaction of its business, provided that they do not conflict with this Constitution. These By-Laws may be suspended or amended at any Convention by a two-thirds vote.

Section 2. Amendments to this Constitution must be presented in writing at a regular Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, which shall decide by a two-thirds vote whether and in what form they shall be submitted to the Synods. An exact copy of proposed amendments shall be transmitted by the Secretary to the Presidents of the Synods for submission to their respective bodies. If at a subsequent Convention two-thirds of the Synods shall report their approval of the amendments proposed they shall be declared adopted.

By-Laws of the United Lutheran Church in America.

SECTION I. MEETINGS.

Item 1. Arrangements for the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be made by the officers acting in conjunction with the Pastor *loci* or a local committee appointed for the purpose.

Item 2. Every Convention shall begin with The Service. The sermon shall be preached by the President or someone appointed by him. The first business session shall be opened by the use of the prescribed order.

Item 3. A tentative order of business shall be prepared by the Executive Board. Boards and other representatives of causes desiring to hold meetings in the interest of their specific work shall make request to the Executive Board for a place on the program of the Convention at least two months before the regular meeting. All appointments for religious services and public meetings in the interest of specific causes shall be left with the President.

SECTION II. DELEGATES.

Item 1. A roll of the delegates of the Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be prepared by the Secretary prior to each meeting. To facilitate his work each President of a Synod in connection with The United Lutheran Church in America shall forward a list of delegates elected by his Synod to the President and Secretary of the general body at least 30 days before the meeting, signed by the President and Secretary of the Synod.

Item 2. No changes shall be made in the roll of delegates unless such change is duly authorized by the Synod concerned.

Item 3. A majority of delegates, provided they represent a majority of the Synods in union with The United Lutheran Church in America, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but in the absence of a quorum the delegates present may adjourn from time to time and postpone the sessions of the Convention until a quorum shall appear.

Item 4. Delegates, commissions or representatives from other Lutheran bodies not in union with The United Lutheran Church in America may be given a voice and a seat, but no vote, in the Convention by a majority vote of the delegates at any meeting.

Item 5. The mileage of all delegates shall be paid from the treasury of The United Lutheran Church, and the apportionment for the treasury shall be made sufficient to cover this expense. Other necessary expenses of delegates shall be provided for as the Synods may determine.

Item 6. Delegates shall not absent themselves from the sessions of the Convention without valid excuse, which shall be presented to the Committee on Leave of Absence. Said committee shall make a final report at the closing session of the Convention. Delegates absenting themselves without being excused shall forfeit their mileage.

SECTION III. RECEPTION OF SYNODS.

Item 1. The application of a Synod desiring to be received into The United Lutheran Church in America shall be presented in writing and read before the Convention. The application together with the Constitution of the Synod applying shall then be referred to the Executive Board upon whose recommendation the Synod may be received in accordance with the Constitution, Article IV, Section 2. The delegates of such Synod upon the approval of their credentials shall at once be seated in the Convention and their names entered upon the roll.

SECTION IV. ELECTIONS.

Item 1. At the beginning of every biennial Convention the President shall appoint tellers to conduct the election of officers and boards in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the general body.

Item 2. Election of officers, members of the Executive Board and of the other Boards including the Commission of Adjudication and the Standing Committee on Church Papers, shall be by ballot. The Secretary shall prepare printed ballots for the use of voters in the Convention.

Item 3. In the election of a President, the following rules shall obtain: On the first ballot all of the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. On the second ballot, three-fourths of all the votes cast shall be necessary

to an election. On the third ballot, two-thirds of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. If three ballots fail to result in an election, the fourth ballot shall be confined to the two persons who in the third ballot receive the highest number of votes and no vote cast for any other shall be counted. In the fourth ballot a majority of the votes shall elect.

Item 4. In the election of the Secretary, Treasurer or members of any regular boards, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

Item 5. The result of each ballot shall be announced by the tellers to the Convention.

SECTION V. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

A. List of Boards and Elective Committees.

There shall be:

1. An Executive Board.
2. A Commission of Adjudication.
3. A Foreign Mission Board.
4. A Home Mission and Church Extension Board.
5. A Board of Northwestern Missions.
6. A Board of Slav-Hungarian Missions.
7. A West Indies Board.
8. A Board of Education.
9. An Inner Mission Board.
10. A Board of Publication.
11. A Board of Ministerial Relief.
12. A Sunday School Board.
13. A Board of Deaconess Work.
14. A Board for the Home for the Aged.
15. A Committee on Church Papers.

B. Nominations and Appointments.

Item 1. In the first Convention the boards which shall agree to merge their interests in a common board shall jointly nominate members for such board. An equal number may be nominated from the floor. In either case the term of each person placed in nomination shall be indicated so that one-third of the members shall serve for two years, one-third for four years and one-third for six years.

Item 2. Thereafter beginning with the second biennial Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, the term of each regularly

elected member shall be six years. Nominations for membership shall be made as follows:

A committee appointed by the President shall nominate a number equal to the number of vacancies on each board. The board itself may also nominate an equal number. If any board shall fail to make such nominations the Nominating Committee shall present twice as many as are to be elected. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Nominations shall not be so construed as to confine voting to the nominees.

Item 3. The membership of boards of The United Lutheran Church in America shall consist of not less than nine, or more than twenty-one members.

Item 4. No member of any board shall be eligible for election for more than two successive terms; and no person shall be a member of more than two boards at one and the same time.

Item 5. Early in the session of each Convention of The United Lutheran Church the President shall appoint:

(1). A Nominating Committee of nine ministers and nine laymen to make the nominations necessary to fill all vacancies on the several benevolent boards. Nominations made by the boards themselves shall be referred to this committee as soon as apointed.

(2). A Nominating Committee of nine ministers and nine laymen, to make nominations necessary to fill all vacancies on the Executive Board and on all commissions and committees that are to be elected by the Convention.

These committees shall report at such time as the Convention may designate.

Item 6. A Standing Committee on Church Papers to consist of nine members shall be elected by The United Lutheran Church.

At the first Convention three shall be elected for two years, three for four years and three for six years. Beginning with the second biennium the term for the newly elected members shall be six years.

It shall be the duty of this committee to select editors of such Church papers as The United Lutheran Church may recognize, authorize or found. The selection of these editors shall be made, if possible, before or during the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church, and subject to its ratification. If, however, it be impossible to make the selection at the time named the committee shall have full power to act *ad interim*. The salaries of the editors shall be determined by the Committee and the Board of Publication jointly.

This committee shall also be charged with the general oversight of the Church papers whose editors shall be responsible to the said committee. The committee shall see that the papers are conducted in accordance with

the spirit and intent of the Constitution, in the interest of The United Lutheran Church and for the edification of the people.

Item 7. The President shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of fifteen members, known as the Common Service Book Committee, to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to the worship of the Church.

This committee shall be responsible for the Common Service Book, with respect to text and form in all editions; it shall prepare forms and manuals of worship and devotion authorized by the Church; and shall consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the Church.

Item 8. The President shall appoint a committee of three ministers and four laymen to nominate a Standing Committee of ten laymen which shall be known as the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and shall have charge of its development and administration. It shall have power to increase its membership to twenty-five if deemed expedient.

Item 9. In addition to the foregoing, the President shall appoint the following:

(1). A Standing Committee on Associations of Young People whose duty shall be to co-ordinate and stimulate the Societies of Young People in The United Lutheran Church, so that in due time they may be merged into a League of Lutheran Young People.

(2). A Standing Committee to have the supervision of the Federal Council of Brotherhoods.

(3). A Standing Committee on Work for Boys.

C. Powers and Duties.

Item 1. Inasmuch as the boards and committees are representatives of The United Lutheran Church in America, and of its work, the general policies of all boards and committees shall be decided by the Church, and it shall be the duty of boards to refer all questions affecting the principles, practice and policy of the Church as a whole, to The United Lutheran Church for decision. It shall be the duty of the boards to carry out and administer these principles and policies thus decided; and when changes seem advisable they may suggest any changes to the Church for its approval, after which only they shall become operative.

Item 2. No official relationship with any other ecclesiastical bodies or their agencies shall be entered into by any board or committee of The United Lutheran Church in America without the approval of the Church. See Constitution, Art. VIII, Sec. 1.

Item 3. All boards, standing committees and commissions after each meeting shall furnish the Executive Board with a copy of their proceedings that said Executive Board may be thoroughly informed and qualified to co-ordinate the work of the entire body. Boards which seek appropriations

or apportionments shall present their request for the amount desired together with a statement of financial operations to the Executive Board not less than three months before each regular Convention, to enable the board to prepare its budget.

Item 4. No board shall have the right to inaugurate a propaganda for the raising of funds, outside of its regular budget, without the consent of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church.

Item 5. The financial reports of the several boards and commissions shall be submitted for audit to an accredited accountant. In connection with its report each board shall present to the Convention the report of the auditor. The fiscal year of all boards shall close on the last day of the third month preceding the one in which the Convention of The United Lutheran Church shall meet.

Item 6. All reports of boards and standing committees, with recommendations, shall be sent to the Secretary of The United Lutheran Church at least sixty days before each Convention. The Secretary shall send out a bulletin containing reports ten days in advance of the Convention.

Item 7. All reports of boards shall be regularly signed by their officers. All reports of committees shall be signed by a majority of the members thereof.

Item 8. Special and institutional reports shall, as far as possible, be incorporated into the report of the board or committee dealing with the general subject, and where this cannot be done, shall be heard only in connection with the consideration of that report, and shall be edited before printing.

Item 9. The person first named on a temporary committee shall act as its chairman. Standing committees shall be convened by the person first named, and shall elect their own officers.

Item 10. When, besides the report of the majority of a committee, there is also a report of a minority, the former shall be read first.

SECTION VI. CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT.

Item 1. The President shall conduct all business according to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Order of Procedure of The United Lutheran Church, and insist upon the observance of the same on the part of every member. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for.

Item 2. He shall arrange all papers and documents presented to The United Lutheran Church, and appoint the necessary committees to take charge of and report upon them.

Item 3. He shall prepare a biennial report which shall briefly summarize the general situation of the Church and his own work during the biennium

and which shall be read and assigned to committees prior to the Convention's entering into the election of a successor.

Item 4. It shall be his privilege to speak on points of order before said privilege is accorded to others, and he shall decide all questions of order; an appeal, if seconded, may be made from his decision to the body, and in that case, all remarks, except for explanation, shall cease until the vote is taken on the question; "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the house?"

Item 5. He may take part in any discussion before the body, but in doing so, he shall leave the chair and appoint some one to occupy it for the time.

Item 6. When a matter before the body is clearly understood, and no one desires to speak further upon it, or the body has decided to close debate, he shall take the vote upon it. In case of doubt as to the vote, or if a division be called for, he shall call upon the "Ayes" and "Nos" to stand up until counted. In case of a tie, he shall cast the deciding vote.

SECTION VII. COMMITTEES.

A. Special Committees.

The following special committees shall be appointed by the President at the first session of each Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America:

1. Committee to conduct the opening and closing services of each session.
2. Committee on Leave of Absence.
3. Committee on Mileage.
4. Committee on Proceedings of District Synods.
5. Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Report.
6. Committee of Reference and Counsel.
7. Committee to Nominate Executive Committee of Laymen's Missionary Movement.
8. Committee to nominate members of Boards.
9. Committee to nominate members of Executive Board, and all elective Commissions or Committees.

B. Standing Committees.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President before the close of each Convention:

1. Statistical and Church Year-Book Committee.
2. Committee on Common Service Book.

3. Committee on Lutheran Church Music.
4. Committee on Lutheran Unity.
5. Committee on General Conference of Lutherans.
6. Committee on Practical Co-operation and Arbitration.
7. Committee of Conference on Special Linguistic Interests.
8. Committee on Ministerial Education.
9. Committee on Lutheran Brotherhoods.
10. Committee on Associations of Young People.
11. Committee on Work Among Boys.
12. Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains.
13. Committee on Temperance.
14. Committee on Church Architecture.
15. Committee on Publicity.
16. Committee on Necrology.
17. An Archivist.
18. Such other Standing Committees as may be provided for from time to time.

SECTION VIII. AMENDMENT.

These By-Laws may be suspended or amended at any Convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting; provided that due notice of the amendment proposed shall have been given on the preceding day.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was resolved unanimously that all business hitherto transacted by the United Lutheran Church in America, including the election of officers, be and is hereby ratified.

Greetings from the All-India Lutheran Missionary Society were read by the Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D. They were ordered to be inscribed in the minutes; and the Secretary was instructed to transmit the greetings of the body to the missionaries in India.

We, the members of the General Council Mission of Rajahmundry, India, and of the General Synod Mission, Guntur, India, beg to greet The United Lutheran Church at this its first meeting, and to offer our congratulations on the consummation of this long-desired union.

We would take this opportunity to lay before The United Lutheran Church the special call that comes to her from India at the present time. Protestant mission work in India was begun by Lutherans. The sowing

of those early days has, however, largely been reaped by others because of a lack, in those early times, of the home constituency needed to conserve and extend the work of her honored pioneers. In the present crisis there has not been wanting ground for fear lest the work of some of the Lutheran missions in India should suffer along the same lines—a calamity which it was the more difficult to avert because our missions have not been united. The various Lutheran bodies of America have in part provided the funds needed by the missions located nearest our own, and so the work of the old Brecklum and the old Hermannsburg missions has been kept together during this time, if indeed it has not moved forward. The taking over of the old Brecklum mission, the help that needs to be given for the time being to the Ohio mission, and the assistance, if not the oversight, that may be required by the old Gossner mission, besides the support of the Rajahmundry and Guntur missions, which stand among the most successful missions in India,—all combined present an opportunity and impose an obligation on The United Lutheran Church which has rarely been equalled, and which make us in India believe that The United Lutheran Church has come to the kingdom for such a time as this. The old Gossner mission especially needs very speedy consideration and support if the losses to the Lutheran Church in the South of India in the past are not to be repeated in the North. Our appeal to The United Lutheran Church is that her Foreign Mission programme be made on a scale proportionate to her own large constituency in the home land and to the vastness and urgency of the opportunities that India now presents.

We join in wishing The United Lutheran Church at this its birth God's richest blessings, and pray that it may ever occupy an honorable place in the work of the Lord, both in America and in foreign lands.

Greetings were reported from the Board of Managers of the Lord's Day Alliance, and also a letter from the Lutheran Brotherhood of Western Pennsylvania.

After prayer by the Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., of Riverside, Cal., the Convention adjourned to reassemble on Monday morning at nine o'clock.

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A great Jubilee Mass Meeting was held in the Hippodrome, Sixth Avenue, Forty-third and Forty-fourth Streets, on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., presided. Following was the order of service:

PRELUDE FANTASIE—A Mighty Fortress.....*Sulze*
Mr. Hugo Troetschel, *Organist Evangelical Church, Brooklyn*
Mr. Emanuel Schmauk, *Director of Music*

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

THE INVOCATION

HYMN 494—"From Ocean to Ocean"
Mr. Geo. F. Bauer, *Organist of St. John's Church, New York*

PSALM 72.....The Rev. F. H. Bosch

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.....The Rev. Theo. Posselt

THE PRAYER.....The Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D.

GREETINGS.....The Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.
President of the General Council

HYMN 198—"The Church's One Foundation"

GREETINGS.....The Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D.
President of the United Synod

GREETINGS.....The Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.
President of the United Synod in the South

OFFERTORY SELECTION—Meditation.....*Arcadelt-Liszt*
Mr. Hugo Troetschel

THE OFFERING

ADDRESS—"An Age of Opportunity"....The Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D.
President of the United Lutheran Church

ADDRESS—"Lutheranism and Democracy"
The Rev. David H. Bauslin, D.D., LL.D.

HYMN 131—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

ADDRESS—"The Message of Lutheranism for a New Age"
The Rev. John A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D.

HYMN 195—"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION.....The Rev. A. Steimle, D.D.

HYMN—"America"
Music by the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School Band.

A similar meeting was held in the Academy of Music in Brooklyn at eight o'clock P. M. The Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, D.D., presided, and the order of service was the same as at the Hippodrome.

Special music was rendered by combined choirs. Director, Mr. Daniel Wood; Organist, Mr. S. Lewis Elmer; Soprano Soloist, Miss Theresa A. Smith.

The Rev. W. H. Stutts, D.D., read the Psalm; The Scripture Lesson was read by the Rev. J. C. Fisher; and the Rev. J. C. F. Blassi offered the prayer.

The speakers were the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., the Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., and the Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.

A third Jubilee Mass Meeting was held in the Orpheum Theatre, Jersey City, N. J., at eight o'clock P. M. The order of service was the same as the two preceding. The Rev. John E. Heindel, D.D., presided. Others participated, as follows:

Mr. John H. Boschen, Jr., directed the music. Miss Daisy M. Walter, soprano soloist, sang " How Beautiful Upon the Mountains ". The Rev. F. A. Bavendam read the Scripture lesson, the Rev. C. E. Poensgen led in prayer, and the Rev. J. H. Meyer in the reading of the Psalm. The speakers were the Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., whose subject was " The Church of the Future," and the Hon. John L. Zimmerman, who spoke of the part performed by the laymen in effecting the merger. The Rev. John Kapp had charge of the offering. At the conclusion the Rev. Walter Frederick led in the Lord's Prayer and the Rev. A. E. Deitz pronounced the benediction.

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SIXTH SESSION

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES' HALL,
MONDAY, NOV. 18TH, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention having been called to order by the President, the Rev. E. F. Krauss, D.D., conducted the devotional service.

The minutes of the fourth session were read and approved.

On motion the hour of eleven o'clock this morning was set apart for hearing representatives of special interests.

The Rev. Dr. Clutz, for the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, presented a series of resolutions concerning the Merging of Church Papers; also a recommendation concerning conference of the Executive Board with boards elected at this First Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America. These were adopted and the Secretary

was instructed to insert them at the proper places in the Report of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. (See Items 14 and 26 of Report.)

The Rev. W. L. Stough, Secretary of the General Council, presented the following action of the General Council:

To the United Lutheran Church in America:

I have been instructed to bring to your attention the following action taken by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America at its adjourned meeting held November 12 to 14 inclusive, 1918.

I. CO-OPERATION IN MISSION WORK.

1. In view of the co-operation of the Augustana Synod in the Foreign Mission work of the General Council,

Be it resolved, That we recommend to The United Lutheran Church in America that the mission board of the Augustana Synod be requested to appoint three representatives of that Synod as advisory members of the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America;

Be it resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America requests Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. F. Jacobson, Ph.D., and Professor C. W. Foss, Ph.D., to serve as advisory members of the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America until the Mission Board of the Augustana Synod can act.

2. In reference to the mission work in Japan and in the Virgin Islands,

Be it resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America would welcome such a close relationship with the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, upon the terms of the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, as would result in the full and integral union of all American Lutheran missions in Japan and in the active co-operation of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in the mission work in the Virgin Islands; and

Be it resolved, That the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America be empowered to carry out this resolution in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the Board of West Indies Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

II. ENDORSEMENT OF PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY APPEAL.

Resolved, That the General Council approve the agreement of the Pacific Synod and of the California Synod to co-operate in the use and maintenance of the Pacific Theological Seminary, at Seattle, Washington; and

Resolved, That the General Council endorses the plan formulated and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Pacific Seminary for the securing of a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar endowment fund, for the raising of a special expense fund by solicitation from societies and individuals of congregations, and for the obtaining of the funds needed for the erection of buildings; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Council recommend to The United Lutheran Church in America the adoption of similar resolutions of approval and endorsement.

In reference to these resolutions, the General Council took the following action: *Resolved,* That we recommend the entire plan to The United Lutheran Church with the request for fullest consideration.

III. THE COMMON SERVICE BOOK.

Resolved, That the General Council hereby assigns all its rights in the Common Service Book to The United Lutheran Church in America and authorizes the same to publish said Common Service Book with its own imprint, provided, however, that the General Synod and the United Synod in the South take similar action.

IV. NATIONAL LUTHERAN WAR COMMISSION.

Resolved, That the General Council recommend to The United Lutheran Church the appointment of eight members to be its representatives in the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

V. A COMPLETE AND RELIABLE STATISTICAL EXHIBIT.

Be it Resolved, That

1. We recommend to The United Lutheran Church that it properly establish the Committee on Statistics, with power to appoint a Secretarian Executive subject to directions from said committee so far as plan, methods and statistical results are concerned, and subject to directions from the Publication Board only in so far as the publishing of the facts in the Year Book are concerned;

2. The selection of the executive of the committee, the term of his office, amount of compensation and by whom payable, as well as all other necessary details, shall be determined by a joint meeting of the committee, the Publication Board and the President of the general body.

WILLIAM L. STOUGH,
Secretary of the General Council.

The resolutions under I in reference to co-operation in mission work were adopted as the action of the United Lutheran Church.

In place of II, referring to the Pacific Theological Seminary, the following substitute, offered by Dr. Whitteker, was adopted:

Whereas, The United Lutheran Church in America has heard with gratification of the plans, purposes and desires of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle, and of the Pacific and California Synods with reference to their co-operation in that institution; and

Whereas, We are convinced that the amount asked for endowment and equipment should be supplied as speedily as possible to enable the institution to furnish an adequate and efficient ministry for the present and increasing needs in that far western section, and in the farther east; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the matter of ways and means for the securing of such funds be referred to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church.

Under III the following resolutions, offered by Dr. Reed, were adopted:

Whereas, the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South have by resolution assigned their respective rights in the Common Service Book, prepared by the Joint Committee representing these three bodies and adopted by these three bodies, to The United Lutheran Church, and have authorized the latter to publish the Common Service Book under its own imprint, be it

Resolved 1. That The United Lutheran Church hereby formally adopts the Common Service Book and approves and directs the use of the words "Authorized by The United Lutheran Church in America" on the title page of all editions.

2. That no changes shall be made in the text of the Common Service Book, or the Hymnal thereof, without the express authorization of The United Lutheran Church, except that the Common Service Book Committee shall have authority to make the changes necessary to adapt the book for use in other countries.

3. That the Common Service Book Committee also be authorized to prepare and publish such other liturgical and devotional material as may be deemed necessary or desirable during the interim between Conventions of the United Church.

At this point further consideration of the matters presented by the General Council was deferred, and the Rev. G. Bayard Young, D.D., Lutheran representative of the American Committee of Armenian and Syrian Relief, was introduced, and addressed the Convention.

On motion the whole matter of Armenian and Syrian Relief was referred to the Executive Board.

Mr. Theo. Lamprecht, of New York City, Treasurer of The Lutheran Bureau, was introduced and requested that Mr. George D. Boschen, President of the Bureau, be allowed to present the claims of that organization. The courtesy was extended, and Mr. Boschen addressed the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Bauslin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this body hereby expresses its hearty endorsement of the aims of the Lutheran Bureau.

Dr. Edwin Rumble, of the United States Bureau of Education, was introduced and spoke of the work of that bureau. Dr. Rumble was heard with interest. His remarks elicited an animated speech from the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, in which he recounted many interesting facts concerning the early history of Lutherans in America and their participation in the War for Independence.

On motion of the Rev. S. D. Daugherty, D.D., Dr. Schmauk was requested to prepare and publish such valuable information as he may possess and can gather concerning the presence of Lutherans here in the colonial period of our country's history and the distinguished service which they rendered in the great struggle for liberty.

The General Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Dr. C. S. Macfarland, was introduced and addressed the Convention. He conveyed the greetings of the Federal Council to the United Lutheran Church, spoke of the problems of the Christian Churches in connection with the restoration of peace, and invited the co-operation of this body in the solution of these problems.

The following resolutions, offered by the Rev. Dr. C. M. Jacobs, were adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention expresses its hearty appreciation of the greetings and felicitations of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America extended by its secretary, Dr. Charles S. Macfarland.

That The United Lutheran Church record its gratification at the success of the Federal Council in providing a medium through which the evan-

gelical churches of this country have been able to co-operate for common objects, especially during the period of the war.

That the matter of the relation of The United Lutheran Church to the Federal Council be referred to the Executive Board.

The Rev. A. B. Leamer, D.D., of Des Moines, Iowa, Corresponding Secretary of the Lutheran Brotherhood in America, was next introduced. Dr. Leamer spoke of the origin, aims and growth of the Brotherhood and asked the endorsement of the United Lutheran Church.

Mr. C. H. Boyer, of Chicago, offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood:

Realizing the vast possibilities of a live Brotherhood in every congregation of The United Lutheran Church in America, and, in harmony with the action of the special committee at our last meeting of the General Synod Brotherhood, (now the Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America), be it

Resolved 1. That the Executive Committee immediately appoint three sub-committees, territorially selected, who, with the Executive Committee, shall *at once* devise plans for the appointment of a Field Secretary, with office equipment for the work.

2. That the Executive Committee arrange for *annual* district meetings.

3. That an annual individual membership fee of (50 cents) be required for maintenance of the work of the National Federation, which is to cover the proposed annual dues of 10 cents per member made to the Lutheran Brotherhood of America.

4. That the promotion of the practical plans and methods of the Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement be a distinctive and leading program in the activity of the Brotherhoods.

The Rev. Dr. L. B. Wolf, at the request of the President, introduced to the Convention, Anna S. Kugler, M.D., Sc.D., physician in charge of the Hospital for Women and Children, Guntur, India. Dr. Kugler spoke in behalf of the work in India, and appealed to the United Lutheran Church to send representatives to India to study the field and inform the Church in America of the great needs of the mission.

The President read the following cablegram from the mission in Japan, to which Dr. Kugler referred in her address.

FUKUOKA, NOV. 16TH, 1918.

BROWN. COLUMBIA, S. C.

Felicitations to merger. Intercede Seminary urgent.

LUTHERAN JOINT CONFERENCE.

The Rev. Dr. Schmauk offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America has heard with great pleasure the greetings of our Lutheran missionaries cabled from Japan; and furthermore, be it

Resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America does hereby extend to all its missionaries in that great empire heartiest congratulations for the good work accomplished, and pledges united support to the sacred cause of leading Japan to Christ.

The election of boards and elective committees was ordered.

Nominations for members of the several boards and committees were made in accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws (See By-Laws, B, Nominations, etc.). In each case, except in that of the Board of Publication, which was conducted by tellers, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Convention for the nominees. The elections resulted as follows: (For boards see page 97 ff.)*

The Committee on Budget and Apportionment presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Budget and Apportionment.

Messrs. George E. Neff, E. Clarence Miller, William H. Hager, and A. H. Kohn, and the undersigned, were appointed by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means a committee to examine into the subject of budget and apportionment and to make proper recommendations thereon to The United Lutheran Church. Finding the time and information at our disposal inadequate to a proper consideration of the matter, particularly in view of the diversity of system heretofore existing between our merging bodies and of the inability of our merging boards to formulate immediately their needs under the new conditions, we recommend that the whole

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* The Executive Board, which is number 1, was elected during the third session in order that incorporation of the United Lutheran Church in America might be effected at the earliest possible moment. See page 58 f.

matter be referred to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, together with the papers now in the hands of your committee, with full power to act until the next Convention of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) L. RUSSELL ALDEN,
Chairman.

The representative of the American Bible Society, Dr. W. I. Haven, was introduced and addressed the Convention, requesting that all congregations be asked to take an offering at least once a year for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. C. M. Jacobs, was adopted:

Resolved, That having heard a statement from the Rev. W. I. Haven, D.D., Secretary of the American Bible Society, concerning the great extension of the normal work of that society during the war, and the furnishing of the soldiers in America and Europe with millions of copies of the Holy Scriptures in many languages,

We express our great gratification with this achievement, and commend this venerable organization as most worthy of the encouragement, support and co-operation of our pastors and congregations.

After prayer by the Rev. G. Z. Stup the Convention adjourned.

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SEVENTH SESSION

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES' HALL,
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President and led in prayer by the Rev. Charles L. Fry, D.D.

The minutes of the fifth session were read and approved.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to provide copies of all important resolutions for the members of the Executive Board.

The following resolution, prepared by G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., and presented by the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., was adopted:

Resolution.

Resolved, By The United Lutheran Church in America, that a Board of Publication be authorized and established, to be called The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, to be incorporated, organized and exist under and by virtue of the laws of Pennsylvania, and in accordance with the draft of Charter and By-Laws adopted by the respective Publication Societies and Boards of Publication of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and approved by the Ways and Means Committee acting on behalf of this body, and herewith adopted; and that the directors thereof, when elected, be, and they are hereby, authorized, empowered and directed to secure the incorporation of The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, and when so duly incorporated, organized, and ready for business, to take over and receive the conveyance, transfer, assignment and delivery of all and singular the property of every kind, real and personal, business, good-will, assets and resources, but subject to the liabilities, contracts, engagements and obligations, of the said respective Publication Society and Boards of Publication of the said three general bodies respectively, to wit: the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South, aforesaid, in accordance with their several respective resolutions; and thereafter, in accordance with said charter and By-Laws, take up and conduct the work of said The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, to the Glory of God and the furtherance of the work of this body.

The Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all the German and German-English Home Mission work on the field of the Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas be assigned to the supervision and administration of the Northwestern Mission Board.

Resolved, That all English Home Mission work on the territory of the Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas be assigned to the superintendence and administration of the Home Mission and Church Extension Board of The United Lutheran Church in America.

On motion the President was given such time as he may desire to appoint Standing Committees.

The following were appointed: (See page 104 ff.)

The following papers of conveyance and transfer were read by the Rev. Dr. Weller:

The General Synod respectfully reports to The United Lutheran Church in America that at a meeting of the body, regularly called for the purpose, it was *Resolved,* That all the property of this body shall be,

(a) conveyed, transferred and delivered and all rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to The United Lutheran Church in America, or to its appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies;

(b) that all boards, institutions, organizations and agencies of the body shall continue all their activities in and through, and convey, transfer and deliver all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to The United Lutheran Church in America, or to the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of the same;

(c) that the body will henceforth act separately only under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America;

(d) that the body will do such things and take such action as the said Executive Board may request from time to time for the purpose of

1—carrying the preceding resolutions into effect;

2—facilitating, simplifying, and winding up the organizations, business and affairs of the body and of all its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to merge legally and fully with other bodies in The United Lutheran Church in America.

The body further advises The United Lutheran Church in America that it has authorized and directed all its officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives, and all its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce all these resolutions.

Respectfully certified,

V. G. A. TRESSLER,
President.

Attest:
F. P. MANHART,
Secretary.

Nov. 16th, 1918.

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The council further advises that it has officially requested and directed the corporation: "Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" and the trustees and officers of the corporation to do all such things and take all such action in respect of all its activities of its property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies and all its other matters whatsoever as may be requested by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America in order to execute the same purpose which is evidenced by resolutions authorized to conveyance, transferring and delivery of all property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise by and in the name of the General Council.

Respectfully certified,

THEODORE E. SCHMAUK,
President.

Attest:
W. L. STOUGH,
Secretary.

Nov. 16th, 1918.

The United Synod in the South respectfully reports to The United Lutheran Church in America that at a meeting of the body, regularly called for the purpose, it was *Resolved,* That all the property of this body shall be,

(a) conveyed, transferred and delivered and all rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to The United Lutheran Church in America, or to its appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies;

(b) that all boards, institutions, organizations and agencies of the body

shall continue all their activities in and through, and convey, transfer and deliver all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to The United Lutheran Church in America, or to the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of the same;

(c) that the body will henceforth act separately only under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America;

(d) that the body will do such things and take such action as the said Executive Board may request from time to time for the purpose of

1—carrying the preceding resolutions into effect;

2—facilitating, simplifying, and winding up the organizations, business and affairs of the body and of all its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to merge legally and fully with other bodies in The United Lutheran Church in America.

The body further advises The United Lutheran Church in America that it has authorized and directed all its officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives, and all its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce all these resolutions.

Respectfully certified,

Attest: M. G. G. SCHERER,
President.

JOHN W. HORINE,
Secretary.

Nov. 16th, 1918.

On motion the following was adopted:

Resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America hereby accepts the execution of the trusts relating to any property conveyed or to be conveyed under the action reported by the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South.

On motion it was resolved that the matter of the transfer of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged at Washington, D. C., be referred to the Executive Board with power to act when the matter comes up.

On motion of Hon. John L. Zimmerman, it was resolved that the Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., be paid Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) as a token of appreciation of the services rendered by him as Secretary of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, and that the President and Secretary be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the said amount.

Consideration of resolutions presented by the Secretary of the General Council was resumed.

Item IV in regard to the National Lutheran Commission was adopted.

The resolutions under Item V in regard to statistics were adopted.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the said Committee on Statistics be instructed to cooperate with the National Lutheran Council, in the preparation of uniform statistics.

The following cablegram was read by the President:

J 28 PARIS 95 *EST* 49 UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Three West Sixty-fifth Street, N. Y.

Heartfelt greetings to the United Church. You meet at a great moment in history. Your brethren in France are strong in the Faith and in Unity of Doctrine with you. Since sixteen hundred and twenty-one they have been steadfast amid great difficulties. With you they wish to build the Christian imperative into the New World Order. We are certain that you will be ready to join hands with them in thus helping to make permanent the peace purchased by the blood of many sons.

SMITH-RITER.

Dr. Weller offered the following, which was adopted:

I move that so soon as can be done after the adjournment of this Convention, a committee to consist of our President, the President of the General Synod, the President of the General Council, and the President of the United Synod of the South, act as a committee to make a suitable reply to the Lutheran Church in France.

The President read greetings from the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America:

NOVEMBER 13TH, 1918.

To The United Lutheran Church of America:

Grace and Peace in the Name of Jesus, Our Saviour!

On this, the sixteenth day of November, when three Lutheran Church bodies merge as "The United Lutheran Church of America", I, through my son, Rev. J. A. O. Stub, Executive Secretary of the National Lutheran

Commission, extend my hearty congratulations, having myself last year experienced the blessings of the union of three Norwegian Lutheran Church bodies as "The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America".

During the joint work of the Lutheran Synods for our "soldiers' and sailors' welfare", I have come in personal pleasant contact with a number of leading men in the bodies now merging as "The United Lutheran Church of America", and I have learned to highly appreciate their zeal and efficient work in the service of the Church during most difficult times.

My hope and prayer is that the three church bodies now united, by the grace of God, may help each other to foster and strengthen genuine Lutheranism both in doctrine and in practice. I am furthermore convinced that every Lutheran Church body would be more than willing to elect men for the purpose of conferring in a friendly spirit with men appointed by The United Lutheran Church. In this way, we may in time have not only The United Lutheran Church of America and other Lutheran Church bodies with their specific names, but also a great federation; *The* Lutheran Church of America.

With high regards and best wishes,

H. G. STUB.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the greetings of the Norwegian Lutheran Church be referred to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church for such response and such further action as it deems advisable.

In reference to the Norwegian Lutheran Church the Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

As The United Lutheran Church in America in the Preamble to its Constitution invites all Evangelical Lutheran congregations and Synods in America, one with it in the Faith, to unite with it in one general organization in order to realize the purposes expressed in its Constitution; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the President of the United Lutheran Church in America be, and is hereby authorized and requested to attend, either personally or by delegations, the meetings of this body, and to represent it at the Conventions of other general Lutheran bodies.

The Rev. Dr. E. K. Bell offered the following in regard to the work of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

It is eminently fitting that The United Lutheran Church in Convention assembled should express its appreciation of the splendid work done by the Ways and Means Committee, in preparing the way for the harmonious and unanimous action of this body in the consummation of the merger.

The work of this committee, covering almost every feature of organization in The United Lutheran Church has greatly facilitated the business of the meeting and given substantial aid to all boards and committees in their preliminary organization and work. For conspicuous and valuable service the Committee on Ways and Means will have an honoured place in the history of the genesis and future development of The United Lutheran Church in America.

(Signed) EZRA K. BELL,
" GEORGE W. SANDT,
" W. H. GREEVER.

The following was offered by Hon. E. F. Eilert and referred to the Committee on Associations of Young People:

Whereas, The Luther League of America was the first movement for the uniting of Lutherans of various synodical bodies into one organization; and

Whereas, For twenty-eight years it has consistently by its topics, courses of study and general activities, trained the youth of our Church in thought and endeavor in the ways of conservative Lutheranism; and,

Whereas, This co-operation has helped to pave the way for The United Lutheran Church in America; and,

Whereas, A common organization of the young people's societies of the Church seems to be vital in the work of amalgamation before us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America endorse the work of the Luther League of America and recommend to the young people's societies of the Church a kindly consideration of its work and its invitation to enter into fellowship with it.

On motion of Dr. C. M. Jacobs a communication from the Lord's Day Alliance was referred to the Executive Board.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Schmauk, was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this body be authorized and requested to enter into communication with the President of each of the Synods uniting to form this body, by which he shall link up each Synod to the general body as one of the units in our fellowship, and one of the agencies

through which our common work is to be prosecuted, and in which he shall convey to these Synods so much of our future general plans and operations and such resolutions as we have passed, as will put each body in direct official touch with The United Lutheran Church in America.

The Rev. M. G. Richard offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance:

Resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America put itself on record favoring temperance legislation, looking toward the elimination of the liquor traffic with the hope and prayer that the National Prohibition amendment may carry in the state legislatures and soon become effective in our nation.

The Rev. Dr. T. W. Kretschmann offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we place on record in the Minutes of this Convention an expression of our heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for the attainment of that which has been the hope of many years in the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America; that we express our deepest satisfaction with the conduct of this, the first Convention of the United Church; and that we hereby pledge our President our hearty support and fullest co-operation in the great work which now rests upon our Lutheran Church.

On motion the matter of publishing the minutes and the number of copies that should be printed was referred to the Executive Board.

On motion of Dr. Clutz the thanks of the United Lutheran Church were expressed by a rising vote to the Local Reception Committee, and especially to the chairman, Mr. C. C. Springhorn, for their admirable arrangements for our comfort and also for the donation of the Luther Emblem and the Motto Banner.

The following resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. L. D. Reed, was referred to the Executive Board:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be requested to determine and inaugurate a plan for the collection and preservation of original records, charters, agreements, official correspondence, and other documentary material of permanent interest or value pertaining to The United Lutheran Church in America, and the work of its boards, commissions, and important committees.

The minutes of the sixth and seventh sessions were read and approved.

The Convention adjourned to meet at the time and place to be determined by the Executive Board.

The formal closing was conducted by the President according to the order for the closing of Synods.

Attest: M. G. G. SCHERER,
Secretary.

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A Model Constitution for the Several Boards of The United Lutheran Church in America.

(Adopted by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means at its Session in Atlantic City, July 10-12, 1918.)

Constitution of the Board of ..... of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Article I. Name.

This Board, established under the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, Article XIII, shall be known under the name and title of The Board of ..... of The United Lutheran Chruch in America.

Article II. Object.

The object of this Board shall be to carry on, superintend and promote the work of ..... in the name of The United Lutheran Church in America, and in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis, Constitution, Acts and Rulings of said United Lutheran Church in America.

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. This Board shall consist of ..... members, of whom ..... shall be ministers.

Section 2. No one shall be a member of the Board who is not a communicant member in a congregation in full synodical relations with The United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 3. The members of the Board shall be elected by The United Lutheran Church at a regular Convention for a period not to exceed six years. At the first Convention one-third of the members shall be elected for two years, one-third for four years, and one-third for six years.

Section 4. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church, Article XIII, Section 2.

Article IV. Quorum.

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article V. Meetings.

Section 1. The Board shall hold its first meeting as soon as convenient after its first election, at the call of a convener appointed by The United Lutheran Church.

Section 2. Regular meetings for the transaction of business shall be held ....., or at such time and place as the Board may determine, unless otherwise provided for by Charter stipulation or by resolution of The United Lutheran Church.

Article VI. Officers.

Section 1. The Officers of the Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected by the Board itself.

Section 2. The Recording Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be members of the Board, but the General or Executive Secretary, or Secretaries, shall not be members of the Board. See Constitution of United Lutheran Church, Article XIII, Sec. 4.

Article VII. Duties of Officers.

The duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective offices. Special duties may be assigned as occasion arises.

Article VIII. Duties, Powers and Functions of the Board.

Subject to the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church, or its resolutions, the Board shall have full power to prosecute the work entrusted to it. It shall have authority to, etc. It shall also render regular reports to The United Lutheran Church, and present a budget to its Executive Board to enable the same to present a budget of all apportionments to The United Lutheran Church.

Article IX. Committees.

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of at least five members of the Board, including the President, and also the Secretary if a member of the Board, and it shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be assigned to it by the Board.

Section 2. Other Committees may be appointed as the best interests of the work may demand.

Article X. By-Laws.

The Board shall adopt such By-Laws as may be necessary, provided they are not in conflict with this Constitution, or with the Constitution and By-Laws of The United Lutheran Church.

Article XI. Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote. All amendments must be proposed to the Board at least two months before final consideration, and shall not be effective until ratified by The United Lutheran Church in America.

The following names of brethren who were in attendance at the Convention, not as delegates, but as visitors, were handed to the Secretary and are recorded by action of The United Lutheran Church:

Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod, Coumbia, S. C.
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THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.

On Sunday, November 17th, services were conducted in the churches of New York, Brooklyn, and Jersey City as follows:

Manhattan and the Bronx.

Advent, 93rd Street and Broadway, Rev. A. Steimle, D.D., pastor; by Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., Gettysburg, Pa.
Atonement, W. 140th Street and Edgecombe Avenue, Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., pastor; by Rev. L. C. Manges, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.
Epiphany, 72 East 128th Street, Rev. M. L. Canup, pastor; by Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Holy Trinity, 65th Street and Central Park West, Rev. Charles J. Smith, D.D., pastor; by Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., Springfield, O.
Christ, E. 19th Street, near First Avenue, Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., pastor; by Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Our Saviour, W. 179th Street and Audubon Avenue, Rev. A. S. Hardy, pastor; by Rev. E. Pfatteicher, D.D., Reading, Pa.

St. James, Madison Avenue and 73rd Street, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., pastor; by Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Baltimore, Md.

St. John's, 81 Christopher Street, Rev. F. E. Oberlander, D.D., pastor; by Rev. Charles F. Oehler, D.D., of Sacramento, Cal.

Zion's, 339 East 84th Street, neat 2nd Avenue, Rev. William Popcke, Ph.D., pastor; by Rev. Bruno Garten, Arenzville, Ill.

Bethany, Teasdale Place, bet. 163d and 164th Streets, Rev. John Gruver, pastor, by Rev. M. R. Hamsher, York, Pa.

Holy Comforter, Woodycrest Avenue and 165th Street, Rev. J. H. Dudde, pastor; by Prof. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Selinsgrove, Pa.

Emanuel, Brown Place and E. 137th Street, Rev. P. M. Young, pastor; by Rev. J. Elmer Bittel, D.D., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

St. Paul's, 147 West 123rd Street, Rev. F. H. Bosch, pastor; by Rev. C. Zarnke, Berlin, Ontario, Can.

St. Peter's, Lexington Avenue and 54th Street, Rev. A. B. Moldenke, Ph.D., pastor; by Rev. O. Krauch, Buffalo, N. Y.

St. John's, Fulton Avenue, near 170th Street, Rev. Theo. Posselt, pastor; by Rev. E. F. Ritter, Lancaster, Ohio.

Washington Heights, West 153rd Street and Broadway, Rev. C. B. Rabbow, pastor; by Rev. Christopher Knudten, Chicago, Ill.

Grace, 123 West 71st Street, Rev. J. A. Weyl, pastor; by Rev. J. L. Neve, D.D., Springfield, Ohio.

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St. Matthew's, 376 East 156th Street, Rev. William F. Junge, pastor; by Rev. H. J. Schmidt, Papillion, Neb.

St. Luke's, 796 East 156th Street, Rev. G. H. Tappert, pastor; by Rev. J. W. Paetznick, Ph.D., Syracuse, N. Y.

English Lutheran, Mt. Vernon, Rev. G. M. Smith, pastor; by Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.

Redeemer, Yonkers, N. Y., 113 Elliott Avenue, Rev. C. E. Krumholz, pastor; by Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., Columbia, S. C.

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St. John's, Beeckwood R. and De Forest Avenue, Summit, Rev. J. W. Knapp, Ph.D., pastor; by Rev. H. B. Stock, D.D., Carlisle, Pa.

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Trinity, Hudson Heights, Rev. Walter Frederick, pastor; by Rev. J. H. Weaver, D.D., Riverside, Cal.

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Grace, Bushwick Avenue and Weirfield Street, Rev. C. F. Intermann, pastor; by Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Columbia, S. C.

Messiah, 129 Russell Street, Rev. J. Howard Worth, pastor; by Rev. S. W. Herman, Harrisburg, Pa.

Redeemer, Lenox Road and Flatbush Avenue, Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, D.D., pastor; by Rev. William J. Finck, D.D., New Market, Va.

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St. James' Church, New York City

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

ADJOURNED SESSION
HELD IN NEW YORK CITY
November 12, 13, 14 and 18, 1918

General Synod's Meetings and Officers.

The General Synod was organized at Hagerstown, Md., October 24th, 1820, by delegates from four Synods. Officers of meeting: President, J. D. Kurtz, D.D.; Secretary, Henry A. Muhlenberg, D.D.

No.	Year.	Place.	President.	Secretary.	Treasurer.	Synods Represented.	Members Present.		
							Clerical.	Lay.	Total.
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2	1823	Frederick, Md.	J. D. Kurtz, D.D.	D. F. Schaeffer, D.D.	Hon. C. A. Barnitz	3	7	5	12
3	1825	Frederick, Md.	Rev. G. Shober	D. F. Schaeffer, D.D.	Hon. C. A. Barnitz	3	8	8	16
4	1827	Gettysburg, Pa.	J. D. Kurtz, D.D.	D. F. Schaeffer, D.D.	Hon. C. A. Barnitz	3	8	6	14
5	1829	Hagerstown, Md.	B. Kurtz, D.D., LL.D.	D. F. Schaeffer, D.D.	Hon. C. A. Barnitz	3	8	6	14
6	1831	Frederick, Md.	D. F. Schaeffer, D.D.	G. A. Lintner, D.D.	Hon. C. A. Barnitz	4	11	5	16
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10	1839	Chambersburg, Pa.	E. L. Hazelius, D.D.	J. G. Morris, D.D., LL.D.	S. H. Buehler, Esq.	7	18	12	30
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13	1845	Philadelphia, Pa.	H. N. Pohlman, D.D.	M. Jacobs, D.D.	D. Gilbert, M.D.	13	30	16	46
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30	1881	Altoona, Pa.	C. A. Hay, D.D.	J. W. Goodlin, D.D.	Alexander Gebhart, Esq.	23	88	72	160
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32	1885	Harrisburg, Pa.	M. Rhodes, D.D., LL.D.	J. S. Detweiler, D.D.	Alexander Gebhart, Esq.	23	94	84	178
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36	1893	Canton, Ohio	Charles S. Albert, D.D.	William S. Freas, D.D.	Louis Manss, Esq.	26	107	96	203
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46	1913	Atchison, Kan.	Harry L. Yarger, D.D.	Frank P. Manhart, D.D.	George H. Knollenberg.	24	127	124	251
47	1915	Akron, Ohio	John A. Singmaster, D.D.	Frank P. Manhart, D.D.	George H. Knollenberg.	24	134	130	264
48	1917	Chicago, Ill.	V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D.	Frank P. Manhart, D.D.	George H. Knollenberg.	24	144	140	284

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

FORTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

FIRST SESSION

The General Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States resumed its 48th Convention, pursuant to action taken at Chicago as recorded in the Minutes of 1917, pages 83, 135, and 167, at 8 P. M., Nov. 12, 1918, in St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, in New York City, the Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., pastor, said place of meeting having been selected by the Executive Committee of the General Synod.

Centennial Anniversary of the General Synod

As arranged by the Standing Committee on the One Hundredth Anniversary of the General Synod, commemorative historical exercises were held on Nov. 12, 1918, at 8 P. M.

The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D., chairman of the committee on the General Synod's Centennial, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., pastor of St. James', and Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., President of the Lutheran Historical Society in the United States.

Addresses were made by Rev. M. J. Kline, D.D., on the " Genesis of the General Synod ", and by Prof. H. C. Alleman, D.D., on " One Hundred Years of the General Synod ".

After these addresses Dr. Remensnyder, pastor of St. James', made an address of welcome to the General Synod. To this address Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Ph.D., President of the General Synod, responded.

SECOND SESSION

St. James' Lutheran Church, New York,
November 13, 1918.

The second session of the adjourned convention of the General Synod met at 9 A. M., the President, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Ph.D., presiding.

Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., conducted devotional services.

The delegations were seated as at Chicago. A majority of the delegates were reported present from a majority of the Synods.

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Courtland Miller	Fred Martin
George Beiswanger	Hon. E. K. Strong
D. P. Bair	Henry Martin

14. Central Illinois

Clerical	*Lay*
F. B. Heibert, D.D.	J. P. Larson
F. M. Porch, D.D.	David E. Mack, Esq.

15. Susquehanna

Clerical	*Lay*
F. P. Manhart, D.D.	Dan Smith
R. G. Bannen, D.D.	Dr. A. Monroe Hall
O. E. Sunday	Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq.
W. E. Fischer, D.D.	J. C. Maneval
W. F. Steck	Prof. E. M. Brungart (*a*)

16. Kansas

Clerical	*Lay*
C. F. Wiest	John Nelson
L. A. Harshman	A. Nicholas
H. L. Yarger, D.D.	C. J. Erickson
G. G. Clark, D.D.	
Andreas Bard, D.D.	

17. Nebraska

Clerical	*Lay*
S. H. Yerian, Ph.D.	E. G. Hopkins
O. D. Baltzly, Ph.D., D.D.	H. A. Thielke
M. E. Bollinger	M. D. Morton
C. E. Sparks	George Haase
Luther M. Kuhns	

18. Wartburg

Clerical	*Lay*
George Schulz	
Prof. J. L. Neve, D.D.	
B. Garten	
C. W. Knudten	

19. California

Clerical	*Lay*
H. C. Funk	James Popert
H. Gehrcke	Theo. H. Dewitz
H. J. Weaver, D.D.	
C. F. Oehler, D.D.	

20. German Nebraska

Clerical	*Lay*
M. Coolen	Adolph Lebsack
E. Klatsche	
F. Raabe	
G. F. Krueger, Ph.D.	
H. F. Schmidt	

21. Rocky Mountain

Clerical	*Lay*
A. M. Knudsen	D. S. Young
J. E. Hummon	P. B. Dalies (*a*)

22. Southern Illinois

Clerical	*Lay*
C. Robert Dunlap, Ph.D.	Dr. C. R. Walser

23. New York

Clerical	*Lay*
G. U. Wenner, D.D., L.H.D.	C. M. Witthoft
F. E. Oberlander, D.D.	Henry Albers, Sr.
W. M. Baum, Jr., D.D.	Henry Streibert
F. J. Baum	C. J. Kilts
J. W. Paetznick, Ph.D.	A. J. Nellis
H. G. Dattan, D.D.	A. E. Oberlander
J. H. Meyer	August J. Herrlich
A. E. Deitz, D.D.	W. J. Dippel
M. G. L. Rietz	W. S. Massoneau

Clerical	*Lay*
Wm. Freas	Irving Lainhart
Walter Frederick	E. F. Eilert
C. G. Empie	C. C. Springhorn
F. H. Knubel, D.D.	A. E. Gehben
Geo. E. Hipsley, D.D.	I. S. Runyon

24. West Virginia

Clerical	*Lay*
O. C. Dean	John J. Brockhardt
F. H. Crissman	E. C. Reep

Rev. A. Pohlman, D.D., was named as sergeant-at-arms by the President, and was directed to select two laymen as assistants.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel reported an order of business which was adopted.

The President then read his report as follows:

Report of the President of the General Synod

Fathers and Brethren:

The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America meets today, on behalf of the King of Kings, in its 48th Biennial Convention, adjourned session. The occasion is made momentous by the startling world situation which, at the same time chills us and thrills us, and by the notable series of ecclesiastical events, in the culmination of which we ourselves are about to participate, events which mark this as perhaps the final convention of almost one hundred years of history. The occasion as a point both of review and anticipation is therefore altogether unique. The place, New York, the all-American metropolis and point of general Lutheran assimilation and distribution, is prophetic. We convene on the brink of unheralded events, in the name of the Great Jehovah and obedient to the heavenly vision!

AUTHORIZATION

By determination of the 48th Convention of the General Synod, held in Chicago, June 20-27, 1917, it was resolved that the next Convention of the General Synod shall be held on the second Tuesday of November, 1918.

In virtue of the above action this body automatically meets on this date with full authorization.

THE GENERAL SYNOD ANNIVERSARY

From 1821, at Frederick, Md., with three Synods represented and a total of ten delegates present, to New York with 24 Synods and 288 delegated representatives, makes not merely an episode but an era of creative activity in American Ecclesiastical life which is not easily paralleled. This has been and will yet, during the Convention, be taken account of. I wish merely here to subjoin, as a matter of history, the years, meeting places, officers, and the Synods represented and delegates present, both clerical and lay, at these Conventions up to this day of grace, and also this day of account. The first Convention of the General Synod was held in Frederick, Md., in the year 1821. Rev. George Lockman, D.D., President; Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary; Hon. A. C. Barnitz, Treasurer. There were three synods and ten delegates, six clerical and four lay; it having been organized at Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 24, 1820. The second Convention was held in Frederick, Md., in the year 1823; Rev. J. D. Kurtz, President; Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary; Hon. C. A. Barnitz, Treasurer; three Synods and twelve delegates, seven clerical and five lay. The third Convention was held in Frederick, Md., in 1825, Rev. G. Shober, President; Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary; Hon. C. A. Barnitz, Treasurer; three Synods and sixteen delegates, eight clerical and eight lay. The fourth Convention was held at Gettysburg, Pa., in 1827, Rev. J. D. Kurtz, D.D., President; Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary; Hon. C. A. Barnitz, Treasurer; three Synods and fourteen delegates, eight clerical and six lay. The fifth Convention was held at Hagerstown, Md., in 1829, Rev. B. Kurtz, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary; Hon. C. A. Barnitz, Treasurer; three Synods and fourteen delegates, eight clerical and six lay. The sixth Convention was held at Frederick, Md., in 1831, Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, D.D., President; Rev. G. A. Lintner, D.D., Secretary; Hon. C. A. Barnitz, Treasurer; four Synods and sixteen delegates, eleven clerical and five lay. The seventh Convention was held at Baltimore, Md., in 1833, Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, D.D., President; Rev. G. A. Lintner, D.D., Secretary; C. A. Morris, Esq., Treasurer; four Synods and seventeen delegates, eight clerical and nine lay. The eighth Convention was held at York, Pa., in 1835, Rev. J. Bachman, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. J. Z. Senderling, D.D., Secretary; S. H. Buehler, Esq., Treasurer; five Synods and twenty delegates, ten clerical and ten lay. The ninth Convention was held at Hagerstown, Md., in 1837, Rev. J. Bachman, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., Secretary; S. H. Buehler, Esq., Treasurer; six Synods and twenty-eight delegates, fourteen clerical and fourteen lay. The tenth Convention was held at Chambersburg, Pa., in 1839, Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D.D., President; Rev. J. G. Morris, D.D., LL.D., Secretary; S. H. Buehler, Esq., Treasurer; seven Synods and thirty delegates, eighteen clerical and twelve lay. The eleventh Convention was held at Baltimore, Md., in 1841, Rev. G. A. Lintner, D.D., President; Rev. C. A. Smith, D.D., Secretary; S. H.

Buehler, Esq., Treasurer; eight Synods and thirty delegates, twenty-one clerical and nine lay. The twelfth Convention was held at Baltimore, Md., in 1843, Rev. J. G. Morris, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. C. A. Smith, D.D., Secretary; D. Gilbert, M.D., Treasurer; eleven Synods and forty-six delegates, twenty-nine clerical and seventeen lay. The thirteenth Convention was held at Philadelphia, in 1845, Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., President; Rev. M. Jacobs, D.D., Secretary; D. Gilbert, M.D., Treasurer; thirteen Synods and forty-six delegates, thirty clerical and sixteen lay. The fourteenth Convention was held at New York, N. Y., in 1848, Rev. C. P. Krauth, Sr., D.D., President; Rev. T. Stork, D.D., Secretary; D. Gilbert, M.D., Treasurer; fifteen Synods and seventy delegates, forty-one clerical and twenty-nine lay. The fifteenth Convention was held at Charleston, S. C., in 1850, Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., President; Rev. G. Diehl, D.D., Secretary; D. Gilbert, M.D., Treasurer; sixteen Synods and forty-one delegates, twenty-seven clerical and fourteen lay. The sixteenth Convention was held at Winchester, Va., in 1853, Rev. J. Bachman, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., Secretary; Hon. P. S. Michler, Treasurer; twenty Synods and 102 delegates, fifty-eight clerical and forty-four lay. The seventeenth Convention was held at Dayton, Ohio, in 1855, Rev. A. H. Lochman, D.D., President; Rev. B. Sadtler, D.D., Secretary; Hon. P. S. Michler, Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 100 delegates, sixty-one clerical and thirty-nine lay. The eighteenth Convention was held at Reading, Pa., in 1857, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., President; Rev. M. L. Stoever, LL.D., Secretary; Hon. P. S. Michler, Treasurer; twenty-five Synods and 120 delegates, seventy-one clerical and forty-nine lay. The nineteenth Convention was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1859, Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D., President; Rev. M. L. Stoever, LL.D., Secretary; Hon. P. S. Michler, Treasurer; twenty-six Synods and 136 delegates, eighty-three clerical and fifty-three lay. The twentieth Convention was held at Lancaster, Pa., in 1862, Rev. B. Kurtz, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. M. L. Stoever, LL.D., Secretary; A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-two Synods and 121 delegates, seventy-one clerical and fifty lay. The twenty-first Convention was held at York, Pa., in 1864, Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. M. L. Stoever, LL.D., Secretary; A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-four Synods and 150 delegates, eighty-five clerical and sixty-five lay. The twenty-second Convention was held at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1866, Rev. J. A. Brown, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. M. Sheeleigh, D.D., Secretary; A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-two Synods and 135 delegates, seventy-three clerical and sixty-two lay. The twenty-third Convention was held at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1868, Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., President; Rev. M. Sheeleigh, D.D., Secretary; A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-one Synods and 115 delegates, sixty-two clerical and fifty-three lay. The twenty-fourth Convention was held at Washington, D. C., in 1869, Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., President; Rev. L. E. Albert, D.D., Secretary; A. F.

Ockershausen, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-two Synods and 110 delegates, sixty-three clerical and forty-seven lay. The twenty-fifth Convention was held at Dayton, Ohio, in 1871, Rev. G. Diehl, D.D., President; Rev. M. Sheeleigh, D.D., Secretary; A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-one Synods and 119 delegates, sixty-eight clerical and fifty-one lay. The twenty-sixth Convention was held at Canton, Ohio, in 1873, Rev. W. M. Baum, D.D., President; Rev. S. A. Ort, D.D., LL.D., Secretary; A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., Treasurer; twenty Synods and 135 delegates, seventy-three clerical and sixty-two lay. The twenty-seventh Convention was held at Baltimore, Md., in 1875, Rev. G. F. Stelling, D.D., President; Rev. S. A. Ort, D.D., LL.D., Secretary; A. F. Ockershausen, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 160 delegates, eighty-one clerical and seventy-nine lay. The twenty-eighth Convention was held at Carthage, Ill., in 1877, Rev. J. G. Butler, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. S. A. Ort, D.D., LL.D., Secretary; Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 128 delegates, seventy clerical and fifty-eight lay. The twenty-ninth Convention was held at Wooster, Ohio, in 1879, Rev. William D. Strobel, D.D., President; Rev. J. W. Richard, D.D., LL.D., Secretary; Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 140 delegates, eighty-one clerical and fifty-nine lay. The thirtieth Convention was held at Altoona, Pa., in 1881, Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., President; Rev. J. W. Goodlin, D.D., Secretary; Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 160 delegates, eighty-eight clerical and seventy-two lay. The thirty-first Convention was held at Springfield, Ohio, in 1883, Rev. J. G. Morris, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. J. S. Detwiler, D.D., Secretary; Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 153 delegates, eighty-seven clerical and sixty-six lay. The thirty-second Convention was held at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1885, Rev. M. Rhodes, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D.D., Secretary; Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 178 delegates, ninety-four clerical and eighty-four lay. The thirty-third Convention was held at Omaha, Neb., in 1887, Rev. S. A. Ort, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. William S. Freas, D.D., Secretary; Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 179 delegates, ninety-six clerical and eighty-three lay. The thirty-fourth Convention was held at Allegheny, Pa., in 1889, Rev. H. W. McKnight, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. William S. Freas, D.D., Secretary; Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 179 delegates, ninety-seven clerical and eighty-two lay. The thirty-fifth Convention was held at Lebanon, Pa., in 1891, Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D.D., President; Rev. William S. Freas, D.D., Secretary; Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-five Synods and 189 delegates, 100 clerical and eighty-nine lay. The thirty-sixth Convention was held at Canton, Ohio, in 1893, Rev. Charles S. Albert, D.D., President; Rev. William S. Freas, D.D., Secretary; Louis Manss, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-six Synods and 203 delegates, 107 clerical and ninety-six lay. The

thirty-seventh Convention was held at Hagerstown, Md., in 1895, Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D.D., President; Rev. William S. Freas, D.D., Secretary; Louis Manss, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-five Synods and 213 delegates, 111 clerical and 102 lay. The thirty-eighth Convention was held at Mansfield, Ohio, in 1897, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. William S. Freas, D.D., Secretary; Louis Manss, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-five Synods and 221 delegates, 115 clerical and 106 lay. The thirty-ninth Convention was held at York, Pa., in 1899, Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, D.D., President; Rev. W. E. Fischer, D.D., Secretary; Louis Manss, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-four Synods and 229 delegates, 119 clerical and 110 lay. The fortieth Convention was held at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1901, Rev. William S. Freas, D.D., President; Rev. W. E. Fischer, D.D., Secretary; Louis Manss, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-four Synods and 236 delegates, 120 clerical and 116 lay. The forty-first Convention was held at Baltimore, Md., in 1903, Rev. E. J. Wolf, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D.D., Secretary; Louis Manss, Esq., Treasurer; twenty-five Synods and 231 delegates, 122 clerical and 109 lay. The forty-second Convention was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1905, Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., President; Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D.D., Secretary; George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer; twenty-five Synods and 242 delegates, 128 clerical and 114 lay. The forty-third Convention was held at Sunbury, Pa., in 1907, Rev. S. W. Owen, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D.D., Secretary; George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer; twenty-five Synods and 241 delegates, 129 clerical and 112 lay. The forty-fourth Convention was held at Richmond, Ind., in 1909, Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D.D., President; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., Secretary; George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 233 delegates, 122 clerical and 111 lay. The forty-fifth Convention was held at Washington, D. C., in 1911, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., Secretary; George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer; twenty-three Synods and 242 delegates, 124 clerical and 118 lay. The forty-sixth Convention was held at Atchison, Kan., in 1913, Rev. Harry L. Yarger, D.D., President; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., Secretary; George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer; twenty-four Synods and 251 delegates, 127 clerical and 124 lay. The forty-seventh Convention was held at Akron, Ohio, in 1915, Rev. John A. Singmaster, D.D., President; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., Secretary; George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer; twenty-four Synods and 264 delegates, 134 clerical and 130 lay. The forty-eighth Convention was held at Chicago, Ill., in 1917, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., President; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., Secretary; George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer; twenty-four Synods and 288 delegates, 144 clerical and 144 lay.

In view of the vital significance attaching to the General Synod as a Lutheran body in the final making up of American Lutheran history, your president has, with very great deference, yielded the time of the opening

evening session, so that both evenings within the scope of this Convention's procedure might be given to the occasion of the anniversary, including both formal addresses and the review of former presidents.

THE WAR

At a moment to be designated by this body there will be unveiled and dedicated a Service Flag, whose stars shall body forth the wealth of manhood of our churches given to flag and faith. At the same time it is fitting that this historic body, bone of the country's bone and blood of its blood, should give statement in this crucial yet glorious moment of our attitude as a Church to the mighty world movement in the closing moments of which we now are, and the flux and reflux of which is opening up to the whole Church, so mighty a task and so unparalleled an opportunity of grace. Such resolutions are provided by a special committee and at your pleasure will be heard. In the meantime our hearts, while aflame with patriotic fervor, are subdued by the memory of many a supreme sacrifice close to the homes and hearts of us all, and by the vivid sense of our own utter insignificance and inadequacy as we stand uncovered in the presence of the Eternal Lord of Glory in this new creative day.

SYNODICAL ACTION ON THE MERGER

It becomes the happy official duty of the president of the General Synod to advise this Convention, at this juncture, of the approval of the merger of the three Lutheran bodies into The United Lutheran Church of America, and the adoption of the accompanying Constitution by each one of the twenty-four district Synods composing this body. The proposal for the merger having originated in the Quadri-centennial Committee in 1917, and been passed upon by the General Synod in its Chicago Convention, and by it referred to the several district Synods for their action, has thus been unanimously ratified, and that without any undue pressure, and in all cases with a heartening unanimity. This action is highly gratifying, not only because of course of its historical consequences for American Lutheranism, but also and not to be overlooked by reason of the fact that it shows the fine spirit of implicit confidence now and long time existing between these same district Synods and the mother body, after all these years of toil and moil and mutual bearing of burdens. Such a confidence is the warrant of an ideal relationship, such as exists only where there has been an untrammeled development with all for each and each for all, along the lines of unified interests of one supreme and undivided purpose.

In the ratification of the merger, Wartburg Synod had the honor of being the first to approve. The other Synods followed in the order of their convening, until Susquehanna, the last to meet, completed the roll of the affirming district bodies. The order and date of each Synod's adoption

will be officially stated on the floor of this Convention by its duly accredited representative. One Synod, the Alleghany, has in connection with its approval memorialized the General Synod with reference to certain reservations and recommendations. This, as is fitting, will be heard in proper time, having been referred to a special committee, which has in hand the overture and all matters pertaining thereto.

To the end that each district Synod might have additional assistance in determining its attitude to the merger, the following were appointed to represent the General Synod in that matter before the Synods designated: Maryland, Dr. Bell; East Pennsylvania, Dr. Singmaster; West Pennsylvania, Dr. Clutz; Susquehanna, Dr. Manhart; New York, Dr. Singmaster; Alleghany and Pittsburg, Dr. Bittle; Central Pennsylvania, Dr. Manhart; East Ohio and Miami, Dr. Bauslin; Wittenberg, Mr. Zimmerman; Olive Branch, Dr. Prince; Northern Indiana, Dr. Keyser; Iowa, Dr. Dysinger; Central Illinois, Dr. Hoover; Wartburg, German Nebraska, Southern Illinois, Rocky Mountain, Kansas and West Virginia, Dr. Yarger; and California by correspondence.

CALL TO PRAYER

As the time drew daily nearer for the contemplated merger to be brought into effect by the action of the joint bodies to assemble in New York City, the president, on behalf of his brethren and with a keen feeling of responsibility and of the gravity of impending events to us as a Church, issued a call to prayer, in order that the hoped-for and planned-for United Lutheran Church might be also a prayed-for Church and that He whose we are and Whom we serve, might of His grace open to us the windows of heaven and freshen us with the dews of Hermon in both unifying our action and increasing our faith. We have reason to believe that the call is meeting with a general recognition on the part of our several congregations and their individual members.

COMMISSIONS TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH

Precedent has been broken in recent days in regard to many things pertaining to the inter-relations and activities of the three bodies about to merge. Not least among these was the determination of each general body to be represented at the Biennial Convention of the others, not by a single delegate, according to long-established usage, but by a commission of not less than seven representatives. The outcome of this action was that at the General Synod in Chicago both the General Council and the United Synod in the South were happily represented by a distinguished delegation, which presented the ideas and attitudes of their several bodies to our Convention on that great day at which many of you were officially present, and at the close of which unanimous action approving the now soon to be

consummated merger was first taken by a general body. At the conclusion of that sesion returning delegations were appointed.

Commission to the General Council consisted of Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., LL.D., Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D.D., Rev. J. F. Krueger, Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Mr. Geo. E. Neff, Esq.

Commission to the United Synod of the South consisted of Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D.D., Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D., Rev. John G. Traver, D.D., Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., Rev. H. Dysinger, D.D., LL.D., Rev. C. E. Gardner, D.D., A. A. Oberlander, Esq.

These delegations, at the appointed time, performed the duties imposed, the one before the General Council at Philadelphia, Thursday, Oct. 25th, the other before the United Synod South, at Salisbury, N. C., November 7, 1917. The proceedings and determinations of these several bodies are now widely known and have indeed become history. In each case the salient feature was the merger of free, diverse Lutheran forces with one faith, into one United Lutheran Church in America, one faith and one force. In each case our delegation was received with marked dignity and courtesy and was heard with respect, properly attaching to the accredited representatives of a body at once so old and vigorous, so conservative and aggressive as is the General Synod. The Conventions of the General Council and the United Synod South were each official composites of a fine Lutheran constituency, with a clear apprehension of their own special field and its factors, and at the same time a generous appreciation of the common faith and the combined task. The culmination of each Convention was the approval of Lutheran unity by the adoption of the merger as proposed with all its concomitant action. No one participated in either of those Conventions without feeling that this action was really expressive of an already existing Lutheran solidarity, which somewhat unconsciously to the churches had grown to man's proportions, and because of age, insisted that it speak for itself. This, then, is the conclusion of the historic delegate exchange between the General Council, the United Synod South and General Synod. We shall no longer send to one another, we shall come to one another. And the coming has been in no really small sense, no really small way, brought about by the delegates who have gone before, year in and year out, and spoken across the lines frankly and freely, the message of honest Lutheran conviction. And now for the last time I appoint two Conference Commissions, the one to the General Council, sitting in the Church of the Holy Trinity, the other to the United Synod South, sitting in the Church of the Advent, whose duty it shall be to bear to these respective bodies the official message of the General Synod announcing its full and final approval of the merger with all the incidental matters pertaining thereto, together with the assent of its district Synods and its consequent readiness to hear and now actually and *defacto* consummate the union.

LUTHERAN WAR WORK

Already in the first year of the war alert Lutherans east and west began to sense the need of our taking an aggressive place as a Church in work for Lutheran men in camp and at the front. Various tentative and yet praiseworthy efforts along these lines were put forth individually and synodically about the middle of 1917, and finally in October, through the persistent efforts of the Board of Inner Missions of the General Synod, in conference with individuals of the General Council and later others, and with the thorough co-operation of the president of the General Synod, the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare was organized with headquarters in New York City. By dint of careful foresight in organization, wide generalization of all the related facts and factors and painstaking, unwearied and ceaseless prosecution of their work, the Commission has been rich in accomplishments. The securing of almost one and a half million dollars for Lutheran War Work was itself a high water mark in unified Church work. The placing and supplying of camp pastors and the facilitating of the appointment of Lutheran chaplains, have been notable features of this work. In fact the Lutheran Welfare Work as supported by Lutheran bodies in this country and administered by the National Lutheran Council for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare has taken the very front rank in war service of the churches. The Commission will make its own report, the statement here is as to its need and genesis. The president of the General Synod, making the necessary appointments without specific authority or instructions, felt impelled by the necessity of an extraordinary situation. Doubtless now no one will question the wisdom of the step. The National Commission, as appointed, consists of Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., Rev. Chas. F. Steck, D.D., Rev. J. A. Kitzmeyer, Mr. E. F. Eilert. Six co-operating members were also named: W. C. Stoever, Esq., H. T. Domer, Esq., E. S. Luckenbach, Esq., also Mrs. Chester Buck, Mrs. P. M. Rossman and Miss Flora Prince. As the work developed Rev. A. B. Leamer, D.D., was appointed as western representative.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Owing to rapidly changing national developments, brought about by war conditions and threatening religious disaster unless taken in hand constructively by the unified and systematized forces of the Church, the presidents of National Lutheran bodies were importuned by the National Lutheran Commission, the National Association of Lutheran Editors and others, to meet on behalf of the emergency, that thereby the Lutheran Church of America might present a united front and take concerted action in such matters as that of emphasizing the American character of the Lutheran Church, and like present day essentials, of external action. On the approval of a number of presidents such meeting of Lutheran officials and their representatives was held at Harrisburg, Pa., in July, 1917, with repre-

sentatives present from almost all American Lutheran bodies. A second meeting was held at Pittsburgh, Aug. 1st. It was resolved to arrange for the organization of a Lutheran Federal Council, afterwards changed to National Lutheran Council. A third meeting of the General Lutheran presidents was called for Sept. 6th, in Chicago, and there held, there being present Presidents H. G. Stub, D.D., T. A. Schmauk, LL.D., D.D., G. A. Brandelle, D.D., C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Ph.D., F. Richter, D.D., and President F. H. Knubel, D.D., and Secretary Lauritz Larsen, of the National Commission.

After informal discussion the commissions appointed by the various officials of the Lutheran bodies came into session. There were present at this initial meeting the following representatives:

(1) *General Synod:* Dr. V. G. A. Tressler, Dr. John Seibert, Mr. Charles J. Driever, Mr. C. H. Boyer, The Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Dr. H. L. Yarger, Dr. F. H. Knubel.

(2) *General Council:* Dr. T. E. Schmauk, Dr. W. D. C. Keiter, Dr. Charles M. Jacobs, Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, Dr. H. A. Weller, Dr. E. F. Krauss, Dr. J. Stump.

(3) *Joint Synod of Ohio:* Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Rev. M. P. G. Doermann.

(4) *Synod of Iowa and Other States:* Dr. F. Richter, Dr. M. Fritschel.

(5) *Augustana Synod:* Dr. G. A. Brandelle, Mr. N. A. Nelson, Rev. P. Peterson, Mr. C. J. Appell.

(6) *Norwegian Lutheran Church:* Dr. H. G. Stub, Mr. H. S. Holstad, Prof. L. W. Boe, Rev. J. A. O. Stub.

(7) *Norwegian Lutheran Free Church:* Rev. John Mattson, Dr. George Sverdrup.

(8) *Danish Lutheran Church:* Mr. H. P. Rasmussen.

(9) *National Lutheran Commission:* Secretary Lauritz Larsen.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN COMMISSION

The undersigned, presidents and representatives of sundry general bodies of the Lutheran Church in America, by such authority as they may possess by virtue of their office and appointment, and in view of exigencies presenting themselves upon the Church for solution, have associated themselves together for the purpose and upon and subject to the terms and conditions following:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of the body thus constituted is the NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL.

ARTICLE II.

The purposes of its institution are to promote, as far as possible,

(1) True and uniform statistical information concerning the Lutheran Church in America.

(2) Publicity in all matters that require common utterance by the Lutheran Church.

(3) Representation of our Church in its relation to entities outside of itself, without prejudice to the confessional basis of any participating body, as well as bringing home to the Church a consciousness of general and specific needs for attention and action.

(4) Activities dealing with, or the creation of agencies to deal with the problems arising out of war and other emergencies where no such common Lutheran agencies now exist; and, to co-ordinate, harmonize, and unify the activities of existing agencies.

(5) The co-ordination of activities and agencies of the Lutheran Church in America for the solution of problems arising from social, economic, intellectual or other conditions or changes affecting religious life and consciousness.

(6) The fostering of true Christian loyalty and the maintenance of a righteous relation between Church and State as separate entities with correlated yet distinctly defined functions.

ARTICLE III.

The membership shall consist of representatives from every General Lutheran body or Synod that may co-operate in the execution of its program. Each body shall be entitled to one representative for every one hundred thousand confirmed members or one-third fraction thereof, provided, however, that every participating body shall be entitled to at least one representative.

The term of office of each member shall be two years, but the term of the original members shall expire with the first regular meeting of the bodies which they represent, when the members from that body shall be subject to re-election or re-appointment for a term of two years, as the body may decide.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers shall be

(1) a President,
(2) a Vice-President,
(3) a Secretary,
(4) a Treasurer,

with the usual powers and duties of such officers. They shall be elected annually by the Council and hold office only at the will of the Council.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of eight members—the officers of the Council and four other members to be elected by the Council; which Executive Committee shall be authorized with power to act in all matters delegated to it by the Council. There shall be also such other committees as the Council may from time to time appoint.

ARTICLE VI.

The powers of this Council shall be vested in itself in meeting assembled, but all its actions shall be subject to immediate report to the general bodies participating, or to their executive officers.

The membership elected by each body shall be responsible to its body for the action of the Council; and shall make full report at every regular meeting of its body, and to the officers thereof, when requested.

ARTICLE VII.

Whenever, in the judgment of the Council, occasion may arise for the gathering and holding of funds in dealing with, or the creation or agencies to deal with, problems arising out of war and other emergencies, or when such work of particular magnitude makes funds necessary, the Council is authorized to make a united appeal to the bodies participating, and upon the consent of the majority of them, or their Executive Boards, Committees, or Officers, may make a general appeal, the proceeds of which shall be placed in the treasury of the Council for its proper disposal.

ARTICLE VIII.

The principal office of the Council shall be in the city of New York in connection with offices of the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, subject to change, however, at the pleasure of the Council.

ARTICLE IX.

The annual meeting of the Council for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held at the principal office of the Council, or at such other place as may be previously designated by the Council, on the first Thursday in November in each year; and at such annual meetings the officers shall present full reports of the business and activities of the Council for the preceding year.

Regular meetings shall be held in the principal office of the Council at such times and upon such calls as the Council, by resolution, may determine. By a two-thirds vote any single regular meeting may be held at any other place than the principal office.

Special meetings may be held upon the call of the Executive Committee, or at the request in writing of nine members of the Council, forwarded at least two weeks before the date of the call of such meeting.

The expenses of the members of the Council shall be paid by the bodies they represent in such manner as these bodies may decide.

ARTICLE X.

Any participating body may withdraw its representatives from the Council by notice in writing given to the Council; but no such withdrawal, nor the admission of any additional body to participation or representation as above provided, shall in any way affect the continuity of the Council or its control over the purposes of its creation or over any money or other property; and, no participating body shall be deemed to have any ownership or interest in such money or property or any right to require an accounting as to the same, but all such ownership, interest, equity, and right shall be vested solely in the Council itself, as from time to time constituted.

ARTICLE XI.

In the prosecution of the work delegated to the Council, no member or members thereof, nor any of the participating bodies, shall be liable for any obligation of its creation; and a provision shall be included in and made part of every contract in effect as follows:

> "It is agreed that no member of said Council shall be liable for any of its obligations, but the property of the Council alone shall be answerable for its debts and obligations."

If any officer or officers of the Council shall enter into any contract, on behalf of the Council, without the inclusion of such provision, he or they shall be personally liable to indemnify the other members against any and all loss on account of such omission.

ARTICLE XII.

The Council may make rules not inconsistent with these Articles with respect to any and all matters within the scope of its purposes, powers, and duties.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Council may delegate to its Executive Committee authority and power to act for the Council *ad interim* of the regular meetings of the Council.

The Council may delegate its full power to any officer or committee, provided that it hold itself responsible for the acts of all to whom it delegates powers.

ARTICLE XIV.

These Articles shall become effective when adopted by vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council; and, may be amended by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council, and an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Executive Officers of the co-operating bodies, provided at least sixty days' notice of the proposed amendment be given by mail or otherwise, including a copy of the proposed amendment, to each member.

ARTICLE XV.

All expenditures of the National Lutheran Council are to be apportioned on each participating body according to its confirmed membership.

If the contributions received from any body should not be sufficient to cover its apportionment the deficit shall be apportioned on the other participating bodies on the above-mentioned basis.

Any surplus remaining out of the contributions of any body after deducting such body's apportionment of expenditures as above provided for, shall upon the dissolution or termination of the Council be returned to the treasury of such body.

The above was favorably acted upon as the basis of the new National Lutheran Council.

Representatives until this Convention of the General Synod were named as follows: Dr. V. G. A. Tressler, President of General Synod; Dr. F. H. Knubel, Mr. John L. Zimmerman, Mr. George E. Neff.

The following Executive Committee of the National Lutheran Council was elected: Dr. H. G. Stub, Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Dr. F. H. Knubel, the Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Dr. G. A. Brandelle, Dr. H. A. Weller, Rev. Lauritz Larsen.

This movement, which has thus developed into Pan-Lutheran permanence, has in it elements of very great possibility for the realization of a true and effective Lutheran impact upon the nation. At this juncture of rapid Americanization and kaleidoscopic religious changes there must be a way found for the expression and turning into effect of a consolidated Lutheran consciousness in our own national life and thinking. The National Lutheran Council has thus its field and opportunity.

ECCLESIASTICAL RELATIONS

Late in 1917 an official communication was received from Archbishop Soderblom, of Sweden, with reference to our participation in a religious conference of all nations upon matters of religious faith and action. While the purpose seemed open and the opportunity great, the conditions were not such as to make the proposed meeting either possible or advisable. The correspondence is appended:

UPSALA, DEC. 6, 1917.

REV. V. G. A. TRESSLER, *President General Synod.*

Dear and Reverend Brother:

I have just read the Constitution of the proposed United Lutheran Church in America with the utmost interest. Its foundation constitutes an historical event of grand importance in the history of the Church. I hope that your Synod has received the message sent by me last summer because of the Reformation Jubilee. The enclosed invitation has been received in England, Germany, etc., with a strong feeling of the necessity for the Church to give such testimony in the midst of the war.

We invite you, Dear and Reverend Brother, or whom you may choose to come to our Conference in April. And we sent the same invitation to Bishop Anderson, Chicago, to Robert E. Speer and we intensely hope that America will be duly represented, as well as other parts of Christendom.

With great hopes and sincere wishes for the future of our faith in America, I am, yours in the communion of Christ's service.

Sincerely,

SODERBLOM, *Archbishop.*

MARCH 26, 1918.

THE REVEREND SODERBLOM,

Archbishop of Sweden, Upsala.

Reverend and Dear Sir, and Brother:

Your very gracious invitation to a General Religious Conference has been received upon the part of the General Synod of the Evangelical Luth-

eran Church of America with very great pleasure. We, too, are deeply interested in the present religious world situation, its problems and possibilities thereby presented to the Church for solution. Our Reformation Jubilee has given us special inspiration, as I believe, for the doing of larger tasks. Besides this, we are especially glad to have a call from the Lutheran Church of Sweden, whose history and personality, as well as its faith and apostolicity, have gained for it in our minds and hearts a most enviable place.

May I say that the matter will be referred to our commission having in charge such affairs. We will, I am sure, be glad to participate either in person or by proxy, in the intended Conference if at all possible, though it may not now be advisable. Will you have the great kindness to keep us informed as to the further progress and development of the Conference, so that we may give our attention to a proper and sympathetic participation in case it is held.

Remembering with very great pleasure a previous personal visit of my own to Upsala and its university while a post-graduate student at Leipsic, and anticipating with great hope the possibilities of your proposed international call to all Evangelical and Lutheran interests, I am, my dear sir,

Most sincerely and faithfully yours,

V. G. A. TRESSLER,
President of General Synod.

In the matter of the proposed Synodical Federation introduced to the general Lutheran bodies by President C. H. L. Schuette, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, at the Toledo meeting, three years ago, it was determined after some conferences and correspondence, specially in view of the merger and the new projects that had thereby arisen, to go no further. There were many elements of real strength in the proposed federation, some of which will doubtless appear in the new National Lutheran Council. In the meantime President Schuette's personal attitude to this body through its president, during the entire discussion and development from the time of the Toledo meeting has been a source of genuine pleasure and an indication of the real reciprocity of Lutheran brotherhood.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The boards of the General Synod have been, as a rule, through the years of her efficient history, finally effective instruments of her purpose. During this fore-shortened biennium more, rather than less, has been accomplished, as the several reports hereafter given will show. It is only the part of absolute candor, should it be here said, as these boards with this body pass out of official existence, that they have commended themselves not only in but outside of our synodical bounds, for the system they have achieved, the strength they have shown, and the results they have attained, while at the same time conserving the interests of the Church as a whole. For the major part, General Synod board activity is one of the factors over which the future Lutheran historian will linger, and to which he will need to give a due meed of praise. The new board adjustments for the carrying

on of the now and later to be established work, will in due order be reported to the merged body. In connection with the adjustments made necessary by the merger in the dissolution and re-construction of present agencies, a committee has been appointed in the matter of relation of the Publication Society, and the Publication Board with the General Synod to report to this body if occasion warrants.

THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

At this moment of the passing of things that were, the General Synod would be derelict to its duty were it to fail in an expression of recognition of the remarkable work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. In the simplicity of its beginnings, the self-sacrificing of its maintenance, the development of its membership and missionary devotion, and its attainments in benevolence and love, it has reached a culmination of service which marks it plainly as an achievement of grace. We want our women to know that in this blessed work they have won the confidence and admiration of the whole Church, and that we go out together into the new venture of faith assured that He still leads on.

THE BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood of the General Synod has during the biennium continued its activities as hitherto. Organized by the General Synod, always responsial and biennially reporting to it, linking up the men of the congregations to unified action for the Church, while at the same time, allowing freedom of movement, holding every two years a series of extraordinary stimulating conventions in connection with the General Synod, which have reached a culmination in the fine banquet and program just completed, the Brotherhood, under its official leadership, will go over in the merged Church with our confident approval, as will also the unostentatious but highly effective service of the Laymen's Movement. New adjustments to new conditions arising out of present national world movements can, and no doubt will, be wisely taken into account in the future scope and plan of operations of both these organizations.

MATTERS ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY

The interval of this presidency has been an epoch of national war, therefore very abnormal in all its movements, and perhaps distinctly subnormal in its specific religious experiences. In all things, it has been extraordinary. It is therefore to be seen that also to the General Synod and to its officers and its committees acting for it there have come many calls far out of the ordinary. We believe it will be just as patent that it was the duty of your officials to meet the extraordinary conditions in which we are living, by extraordinary activities and possibly occasionally extra canonical usages.

In accordance with the call of the President of the United States, either indirectly through his officials or directly by letter, your president cooperated in so far as consistency with Lutheran usage would admit, and as heartily as patriotic purpose could be made manifest, in many public calls, manifestos and proclamations. These referred to public matters of significance to the winning of the war, in which we as a nation and people are giving our best blood and treasure. There were necessary appointments and publicity by your president with reference to food conservation, coal conservation, the educational situation, matters of the increase of a number of chaplains in the United States army, Liberty Loan advancement, army and navy sustentation and the series of extraordinary governmental requests arising out of the emergencies of war. The activities of your president were genuine efforts to help, in all of which he expressed your whole-hearted Americanism and conserved your whole-world Lutheranism. In connection with these movements and in conjunction of the other three Lutheran bodies, a call to prayer was issued to our churches last September, on behalf of Church and Country, in the stress of developing war conditions.

GENERAL SYNOD ORGANIZATION

It was originally anticipated that the General Synod by merging with the General Council and United Synod in the South into The United Lutheran Church in America, would thereby *ipso facto* lose its identity and be dissolved. However, in the process of developments it has become evident that such a course might involve loss to the proper interests of the Church, or at least occasion unwarranted entanglements, the outcome of which would possibly be problematical. To avoid such possibility and to set the legal status of the Church beyond any shadow of question, it has been determined by the Joint Legal Counsel that the proper policy is the continuance for the time being of the essential corporate existence of each of the bodies entering into the union. The General Synod will thus remain a legal entity subject to call by The United Lutheran Church and an instrument or channel for bequests or foundations which might else be impaired by the merger.

IN CONCLUSION

Should this be the last formal report ever presented by a president of the General Synod to a Convention of that body, it can at least be said that looking backward, in all the days of its hundred years, it strove, as grace was measured to it, to be about its Father's business, in its Father's house. And now that the great choice has come, it holds not its own life dear unto itself, if so be it might show forth His glory. To save others, itself it cannot save. It therefore passes out, full of age and honor, as the morning merges into the fuller day, giving its life that it might save its soul. It

may decrease but He will thereby increase. And in its passing, seeing the things that are ahead, Lutheran unity, Lutheran fidelity, and Lutheran charity, it can say serenely, "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. . . . Which shall be unto all people."

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

VICTOR G. A. TRESSLER,
President.

It was adopted.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Ph.D., as chairman, read the report of the Executive Committee as follows:

Report of the Executive Committee of the General Synod

The Executive Committee of the General Synod, as appointed at the last Convention of the General Synod in Chicago, and in conformity with its constitutionally outlined duties, herewith reports to this body the sum of the matters brought officially before it and of moment to this 48th and final Convention of the General Synod.

ORDER FOR THIS CONVENTION

The time fixed by the Chicago Convention for this session of the General Synod is "about two days," after which "it shall merge into The United Lutheran Church". Thus limited to about one-fifth of the time of its ordinary biennial session, the order of business necessarily must be equivalently abbreviated. This can only be done by condensation or elimination, or both. The Executive Committee finds it most practical that the general order of procedure during this Convention shall follow in the main the order of the day as outlined in the proceedings of the General Synod, and these condensed to the very greatest possible degree. That any new matter necessary to present or any essential changes not otherwise provided for, together with the length of time to be alloted to any hearing rests with the Committee on Reference and Counsel. That all determinations regarding the disposal of time shall be based upon the assumption that the duty of this Convention is to hear such reports of boards, commissions, societies and committees as by their presentation may either conclude their own existence or facilitate the initial steps leading to the impending merger organization, or in fine, act as a preliminary to matters later to become the business of The United Lutheran Church in America in its first Convention thereafter to take place.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATION

In the matter of the personnel of synodical delegations at this Convention of the General Synod, the action of the last Convention of the General Synod at Chicago, becomes determinative and was so considered and acted upon by the Executive Committee in its official expression of judgment. That its Synods might have uniformity in and sanction for their representation in the formation of their delegates to this Convention, the Executive Committee sent to each of them, preceding their annual Convention, an official statement calling special attention to the General Synod's deliverances and attitude on this matter, as follows:

First—Approved action of the retiring president's report—

"And provided further that the delegates elected by the Synods to the last Conventions of the general bodies to which they respectively belong held prior to the first Convention hereunder shall be and they are in the adoption hereof chosen by their respective Synods as their duly elected delegates to said first Convention hereunder, irrespective of the basis of representation upon which they were chosen." (General Synod Proceedings, page 83.)

Second—Approved action on resolution of A. A. Overlander, Esq.—

"Whereas, the business of this Convention of the General Synod cannot be completed until the constituent Synods of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South, have acted upon the proposed union of said Synods, and the proposed constitution for such union, therefore, resolved, that when this Synodical Meeting closes, it do adjourn to meet at such time and place as shall be designated by its president." (General Synod Proceedings, page 135.)

Third—Approved statement of President of General Synod in accordance herewith, in adjourning the Chicago Convention—

"This Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America is now adjourned to reconvene, according to action taken, on the second Tuesday of November, 1918, at such place as may be decided upon." (General Synod Proceedings, page 157.)

In harmony with the above actions and resolutions adopted by the General Synod, and concurred in by the District Synods in their adopting the Constitution and plan of merger, (See Constitution for the proposed United Lutheran Church in America, Article 5, Delegates):

(a) The delegates to the New York Merger Convention will be those of the General Synod Convention in Chicago.

(b) The de facto delegates who sat in the Chicago Convention and were there officially enrolled and recognized whether primarii or secundi become thereby the representatives of their Synods to the Merger Convention.

(c) In case the death, removal or other disability of a delegate occasions a vacancy in any delegation, the next alternate in due order takes the vacant place according to customary Synodical usage in such cases.

Action of the Joint Ways and Means Committee is in perfect harmony herewith in their finding that "In the choice of individuals to fill existing

vacancies in their delegations, each synodical delegation shall determine its own procedure in accordance with the Constitution of its own Synod".

APPROPRIATIONS AND DEBT LIQUIDATIONS

The General Synod will enter the merger free of all indebtedness, owing no man anything save to love one another, and with assets of over a million and a quarter dollars in general benevolent work. These present permanent assets are the result of the Divine blessing on continued business methods of a high order which have been pursued by our boards with increasing satisfaction to the churches and fruitfulness to the Kingdom of God. The itemization of the facts and features relating thereto will be given in the final reports of the several boards, and will commend themselves as studies in efficient systematization in church work. The fact that the General Synod will enter the merger with all debts paid, all old obligations liquidated, the extra expenses of the merger and its preliminary development, and the bills of this Convention taken care of, and with a treasury even then not denuded of its last dollar, is certainly a source of extreme gratification to all the congregations of the General Synod, whose honor is involved in the proper satisfying of its obligations, material as well as spiritual. The whole extraordinary situation of this last biennium taxed the resources of your most excellent treasurer and the best thought of the Executive Committee. The work of a biennium had to be accomplished in little more than a year. Plans for the consummation of the merger passed upon by the General Synod, and necessary to be executed by the Executive Committee, called for extra expenditures. A second Convention of the General Synod itself fell within this biennium, a Convention to be held with almost double railroad rates and in the extreme east. Old obligations of the General Synod pledged previously had to be met if we were not to go into The United Lutheran Church a debtor. It was unanimously agreed that this would be unwise and unnecessary, that the churches of the General Synod would at once see that a biennium's work done would mean a biennium's apportionment paid. This plan of requesting the payment into the General Synod treasury, of the amount apportioned for the full biennium, has met with a hearty response of the Synods and their churches. The final payment of $15,000 has been made to Carthage College on a long outstanding pledge of the General Synod. This liquidates that obligation. A remaining indebtedness of $3,000 on the authorized work of the 400th anniversary has likewise been absolved, together with $1,000.00 to the war work of the Board of Inner Missions, and the same amount to the temperance work of the Church. Great credit is due our business-like treasurer for the happy solution to which we have come.

PROPERTY

By request to your officers, a cloud on a title of some lots in Polk County, Nebraska, was cleared, and the General Synod given possession of a Quit

Claim Deed to half of lot of ground in the town of Dix, said county and state. The property may be a value for church building later, or can be disposed of at the option of the General Synod.

APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with authority invested in them during the interim, the following appointments have been made:

At the request of the Washington government—On Food Conservation, President William A. Granville, Rev. J. G. Weidley, Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, L. Russell Alden, Esq., Dean C. G. Shatzer, and Rev. Wm. Wade. To the National Convention of the League to Enforce Peace—Rev. A. Pohlman, F. G. Gotwald, C. P. Wiles, E. H. Delk, John Weidley, S. W. Herman, H. C. Alleman, U. S. G. Rupp, W. C. Stoever, Esq. On Memorial of the Alleghany Synod—Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., H. L. Yarger, A. R. Wentz, S. E. Greenawalt, George Neff, Esq. Resolution on the Country, the War and the Church—Rev. Andreas Bard, D.D., J. A. Clutz, H. J. Weaver, Luther Kuhns, H. T. Domer, Esq., G. P. Tustin, Esq. On Relation of the Publication Board, Publication Society and the General Synod—Rev. S. W. Herman, D.D., J. A. Singmaster, F. P. Manhart, A. R. Wentz, W. C. Stoever, E. G. Hoover, E. F. Kirwan. Mr. Harvey C. Miller was appointed on the General Synod's Transportation Committee, vice Mr. B. C. Bowman, deceased.

Believing the National Lutheran Commission to be a unified and effective means of doing necessary war work, the Executive Committee approves the appointment by the president of the membership as already announced in the president's report. The Executive Committee also heartily concurs in the steps taken by the president in conjunction with the presidents of other Lutheran bodies and resulting in the formation of the National Lutheran Council.

MEMORIAL ON BEHALF OF LUTHERAN CAMP SERVICE

In October, 1917, a memorial was received from the Miami Synod to the Executive Committee regarding the taking of action toward securing Lutheran pastors to minister to Lutheran young men who are in the various army cantonments. Already Miami and Wittenberg Synods had jointly provided one such camp pastor, and had arranged for his equipment and maintenance. The Executive Committee commends the spontaneity and outlook of this action, which later was included in the all-Lutheran service of the National Commission, in whose organization and development, through efficient men and careful plans the General Synod had so large a part.

MEMORIAL OF THE FEGHTLY HOME

A memorial from the officers of the Feghtly Home for the Aged, and the five presidents of contiguous synodical territory, praying that they may be

granted a regular synodical apportionment towards the development of the home, is commended to the Executive Committee of The United Lutheran Church in America, together with the whole matter of a further apportionment, with the suggestion that the apportionment on the churches of the General Synod continue as at present until such time as changes are determined upon through the action and for the purposes of The United Lutheran Church in America.

THE BELEN SANATORIUM

The establishment of a Lutheran sanatorium in New Mexico was approved by the last General Synod, acting favorably on the gift of plot of ground for the same, in Belen. It was resolved that the board of trustees of the sanatorium should raise throughout the Church not less than $20,000. In the meantime the war was upon us with its multiplied and essential calls. The Executive Committee had communications on the subject of pushing the sanatorium project. Dr. J. A. M. Ziegler, the prime mover in the matter, expressed a willingness to undertake a canvass if it were deemed advisable. While solicitous for the carrying out of the project, the Executive Committee felt impelled to discourage a general visitation of the churches at this time for the object in question. We would rejoice, however, if individuals throughout the Church could be found who would materially advance this important undertaking. In the meantime, it should be kept in view and on the first favorable opportunity presented forcibly to the churches. A Lutheran sanatorium in the southwest could be a great blessing.

CHURCH PAPER

Early in 1918 the Lutheran Publication Society, to which the last General Synod entrusted the publication of *Church Work*, and the Paper Committee made application to the Executive Committee for the payment of $5,000.00 which they believed authorized under the report of the Paper Committee of the last Convention of the General Synod. Your Executive Committee, after careful investigation and excellent legal advice, took action that inasmuch as the General Synod is authorized to pay not more than $5,000.00 per annum to the Church Paper Committee, as long as the said Church Paper Committee "should retain complete control of the publishing of the paper", and inasmuch as Lutheran Publication Society was at the same session of the General Synod authorized to take over the publication of said *Church Work and Observer*, and further, inasmuch as said transfer was shortly after consummated and complete control of the publishing of the Church paper is no longer in the hands of the Church Paper Committee, be it resolved, that while at the same time expressing our appreciation of the board's active interest in furthering the advance of Lutheran Church Work, we fail to find any authorization for such payment.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Federal Council of Lutheran Brotherhood, through its official committee, asked the approval of the Executive Committee of the General Synod in the purpose of the Brotherhood to hold its usual Biennial Banquet and Convention, just anticipatory to the sessions of the General Synod Convention. It was thought that in view of the merger, this occasion would be specially favorable for an influential Convention of unifying force. The General Synod Brotherhood has in its lifetime commended itself to our churches by its vitality and versatility. Its flexibility of organization, its absolute official relation to the Church at large, and at the same time, its utter congregational autonomy, commend it. The United Lutheran Church will naturally continue and develop its service and consequent deepening and broadening of the lines of lay activity and helpfulness. Should there be a call for a wider organization or more varied methods, the wisdom of the Church will undoubtedly find a way. In the meantime let there be Brotherhood breadth and Brotherhood bravery in view of the faith to be cherished and the land to be possessed.

INVITATIONS TO GENERAL SYNOD

An invitation to the Executive Committee asking that this Convention of the General Synod be held in York, Pa., was presented by the president of the West Pennsylvania Synod, Dr. F. G. Gotwald. This, together with a like and earlier invitation of the Merchants' Association of New York City, was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, having in charge the entire matter of merger place and program.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE MERGER

The General Synod at Chicago, at the suggestion of its retiring president, placed all matters dealing directly with the development of the merger in the hands of its Committee on Ways and Means. Thus this very wise provision gave that all-important matter to the undivided attention of a special group of men. As a consequence this significant and dominating feature will be reported on through its own committee. It is a correct as well as a prophetic thing to report that there has been perfect harmony between your several committees, in all that pertain to their several lines of work. Such things as were accomplished in the interim for the Lutheran Church were in no small measure due to this candid co-operation and to the individual amenity everywhere manifest in both spirit and practice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

In the present congested condition of affairs, due to the natural conclusion incident to a transfer of agencies, such as that in which we are now engaged, as well as the limitations of time for Convention action, it is pos-

sible that some feature requiring attention may be passed over without necessary reference, or that some matters may at a late moment arise requiring the synodical sanction. In such case it is recommended that these necessary matters be referred to the Executive Committee or officers of the Synod for determination, and in case of these being officially defunct, to be turned over to the Executive Committee of The United Lutheran Church for such action as may be essential in the circumstances.

With due appreciation, respectfully submitted to this Convention on behalf of the Executive Committee of the General Synod.

COMMITTEE.

It was adopted.

Presentation of Gavel

Rev. S. D. Daugherty, D.D., read the following paper presenting a gavel:

DR. V. G. A. TRESSLER,
President of the General Synod of the
Lutheran Church in the United States.

Dear Mr. President:

I herewith present, in the name of Messiah Lutheran Church, 16th and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, for your use in presiding over the closing deliberations of the General Synod, the accompanying gavel. It seemed fitting that the gavel for this Convention should have some historical significance, and I have therefore tried to secure something from the oldest church in each of the twenty-four district Synods, and from the oldest institution of the General Synod. I have not been entirely successful, owing to protracted delays in the case of some of the Synods. The gavel which I present is made up of the following parts:

A piece of the original pipe-organ of the First Lutheran Church of Frederick, Maryland, the constitution of which, in the handwriting of the Patriarch Muhlenberg, is dated June 24th, 1747.

A piece of the pulpit of old Rocky Hill Church of the Woodsboro charge, which dates from 1771. (MARYLAND SYNOD.)

A piece of the framing of the old belfry of Christ Church, York, Pa., organized in 1733, the oldest Lutheran Church west of the Susquehanna river. (WEST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.)

A piece of a pew of the second building of St. James' Lutheran Church, Huntingdon, Pa., the first pastor of which took charge in 1804. (ALLEGHANY SYNOD.)

A piece of the Old Hill Church of the Annville (Pa.) charge, which dates from 1733, the church of Rev. John Caspar Stoever.

A piece from the original construction from Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., built in 1814, the congregation having worshipped for twenty-five years prior to that in a union church. (East Pennsylvania Synod.)

(Pittsburgh Synod.)

A piece from the black walnut altar of Zion Church, Richland County, Ohio, representing the Wittenberg Synod.

A piece of the old elm, Jefferson County, Kentucky, under which the first Lutherans worshipped in the Olive Branch Synod.

A piece of the century-old desk of Dr. Christian Bernard Thummel, of Sterling, Illinois, in whose house, May 14th, 1851, the Synod of Northern Illinois was organized.

A block from St. John's Church, Union County, near Anna, Illinois, the oldest Protestant congregation in Illinois, established in 1818. (Southern Illinois Synod.)

(Central Pennsylvania.)

A piece of a pew of the first church building of North Liberty, Iowa, 1868, representing the Iowa Synod.

(Northern Indiana.)

A piece from the first frame Lutheran Church erected in the state of Illinois at Hillsboro, under the pastorate of Rev. Daniel Scherer, in 1834, representing the Central Illinois Synod.

A piece of the moulding of the old White Church, Montoursville, Pa., 1838, in which, in 1867, the Susquehanna Synod was organized.

A piece of a pew of the First Lutheran Church of Topeka, Kansas, 1868, representing the Kansas Synod.

A piece of the original organ of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dakota City, Nebraska, 1860, the oldest church in the state, representing the Nebraska Synod.

A piece of the altar of St. Simon's Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., 1889, representing the Wartburg Synod.

A piece of California red wood from the gallery of the First Lutheran Church of San Francisco, Cal., representing the California Synod.

(German Nebraska Synod.)

(Rocky Mountain Synod.)

(Synod of New York.)

The handle of this gavel is a piece of the original cupola of the Old Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., built in 1826. From this cupola in 1863 Generals Buford and Reynolds, and later General Lee, made observations in battle. In the same cupola, in 1913, the survivors of that conflict met and clasped hands as brothers. In this seminary many of the fathers of the General Council, the United Synod of the South and the present General Synod received their theological education.

The base of this gavel is made of the following parts:

1. A piece of a limb of an old buttonwood tree, by experts said to be between 200 and 300 years old, which stands on the grounds of the Corinthian Yacht Club, Tinnicum, Pa., which owns the site of the Swedes' Church, built there and dedicated in 1646. It was the first Lutheran Church

building in America, and it is thought that the old tree from which this piece was taken was planted by the Swedes.

2. A piece sawed out of one of the tie beams in the attic of the Old Swedes' Church, Wilmington, Delaware. It was necessary to clear away the accumulated dust and rubbish of 219 years to do this, and for this favor I am indebted to Rev. Dr. S. D. Daugherty, Missionary Superintendent of the East Pennsylvania Synod. This church was built and dedicated in 1699.

3. A piece of the cradle of the old bell from Old Swedes (Gloria Dei) Church, Philadelphia, built and dedicated in 1700. This cradle was from the old Tinnicum Church.

4. A piece from the old Trappe Church, Collegeville, Pa., the first church built by the Patriarch Muhlenberg, in 1743, and dedicated in 1745.

Our church enjoys the distinction of having as a member Mr. Harry Schlessman, who made this gavel.

May these associations, Mr. President, fill you with the spirit of the fathers of Lutheranism in this country and help you to guide the General Synod to a successful consummation of The United Lutheran Church in America.

President Tressler accepted it on behalf of the General Synod.

It was voted to place this gavel in the custody of the Lutheran Historical Society.

The official action of each district synod concerning the constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America and the merging of the General Synod of The United States, together with The General Council of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America and The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, into The United Lutheran Church in America, was read by the chairman of each delegation, as follows:

1. MARYLAND

October 26, 1917.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Ph.D.,
President, General Synod,
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Tressler:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we are able to make the following official announcement to you as President of the General Synod:

On Wednesday, October 17th, 1917, the Lutheran Synod of Maryland, in her ninety-eighth session, in Washington, D. C., voted unanimously in a

rising vote in favor of the merger of the three general bodies, the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, and also to adopt the Constitution recommended by the General Synod.

Not only was the action unanimous, but a spirit of enthusiasm and rejoicing was felt during the entire deliberation concerning The United Lutheran Church of America.

With very kind regards, praying that God may direct the work of reuniting our great forces for His kingdom, we are,

Very fraternally yours,
ULYSSES S. G. RUPP, D.D., *President.*
WM. A. WADE, *Secretary.*

2. WEST PENNSYLVANIA

York, Pa., Oct. 5, 1918.

To the Officers of the General Synod.

Brethren:

This is to officially inform the General Synod that at a meeting of the West Pennsylvania Synod, held on Tuesday, October 16, 1917, the Synod by a rising vote adopted the following recommendations contained in the report of the delegates to the Convention of the General Synod held in Chicago, in June of 1917:

First, that Synod heartily approve the merger of the General Synod with the General Council and the United Synod in the South into The United Lutheran Church in America.

Second, that Synod accept the proposed Constitution with its doctrinal basis.

There were four dissenting votes.

Yours very fraternally,
FREDERICK G. GOTWALD,
President.
FREDERICK C. STERNAT,
Secretary.

3. EAST OHIO

Youngstown, Ohio, October 29, 1917.

This is to certify that the East Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at its meeting in New Philadelphia, Ohio, October 10-17, 1917, ratified the action of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in entering the merger of the General Council and the United Synod of the South.

In testimony of the action we affix the seal of Synod and sign our names as President and Secretary of the said Synod.

W. J. KRATZ, *President.*
H. C. BRILLHART, *Secretary.*

4. ALLEGHANY

HUNTINGDON, PA., OCTOBER 25, 1917.

To the President of the General Synod,

PROF. V. G. A. TRESSLER, PH.D., D.D.,
Springfield, Ohio.

DEAR BROTHER:

As the President and Secretary of the Alleghany Synod we hereby certify that on Thursday, October 11, this Synod voted in favor of the merger of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South into The United Lutheran Church in America. We have ratified the action of the General Synod in adopting the "Merger Constitution".

Very fraternally submitted,

F. R. WAGNER,
President, Alleghany Synod.
CLAUDE R. ALLENBACH,
Secretary, Alleghany Synod.

5. EAST PENNSYLVANIA

NOVEMBER 2, 1918.

THE REV. V. G. A. TRESSLER,

President of the General Synod, Lutheran Church in America.

The following is a correct record of the action of the East Pennsylvania Synod with reference to the proposed merger of the General Synod, General Council and United Synod in the South, taken on the third day of October, 1917, in Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa.:

It is recommended that the East Pennsylvania Synod heartily approves the proposed merger of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the East Pennsylvania Synod hereby adopt the proposed constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, which has been submitted to the district Synods by the General Synod.

STEWART WINFIELD HERMAN, *President.*
E. E. SCHANTZ, *Secretary.*

6. MIAMI

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, OCTOBER 19, 1918.

This is to certify that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Miami, at its annual Convention in Springfield, Ohio, October 16-18, 1917, adopted unanimously "the proposed union of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South", and at the same time adopted in its entirety the Constitution of the proposed United Lutheran Church in America.

ELI MILLER, *President.*
E. CLYDE XANDER, *Secretary.*

7. PITTSBURGH

OCTOBER 10, 1917.

The Pittsburgh Synod, G. S., passed the following resolution unanimously by a standing vote, after which the doxology was sung:

Resolved, That we, the Pittsburgh Synod, G. S., put ourselves on record as heartily in favor of the merging of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South, into The United Lutheran Church in America, and that we approve of the Constitution proposed by the Joint Committee and as approved by the General Synod at its recent session in Chicago.

M. E. McLINN, *President.*
CHAS. W. BARNETT, *Secretary.*
1425 Nixon St., N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

8. WITTENBERG

On Wednesday, the seventeenth of October, 1917, the Wittenberg Synod of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States unanimously endorsed the proposed union of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, and approved the Constitution submitted by the General Synod to that end.

PAUL W. KOLLER, *President.*
J. F. MARLATTE, *Secretary.*

I append the resolution concerning the merger as it appears in the minutes of the Wittenberg Synod:

7. *On Merging of General Bodies.*

Resolved, That this Synod hereby endorse the proposed union of the General Synod, of the General Council and the United Synod in the South, and approve the Constitution submitted by the General Synod to that end. And that we adopt the Oberlander resolution as the method of carrying into effect the proposed merger.

PAUL W. KOLLER.

9. OLIVE BRANCH

This is to certify that the Olive Branch Synod of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States ratified the merger and the Constitution for The United Lutheran Church, on October 17, 1917, by unanimously adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Olive Branch Synod approves the Constitution for The United Lutheran Church which carries with it all that the proposed merger of the General Synod, General Council, and the United Synod of the South implies in building up one great and United Lutheran Church in our land.

Certified by

A. E. RENN, *President.*
C. RAYMOND ISLEY, *Secretary.*

10. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER 5, 1918.

This is to certify that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Northern Illinois, at its sixty-seventh annual Convention, held in Freeport, Ill., on the 17th day of October, 1917, unanimously ratified the merger of the General Synod with the General Council and the United Synod South, and unanimously adopted the proposed Constitution for The United Lutheran Church in America.

GEORGE P. KABELE, *President.*
W. A. KISER, *Secretary.*

11. CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

SELINSGROVE, PA., OCTOBER 29, 1917.

This is to certify that at the regular annual Convention of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania, held in Grace Lutheran Church, State College, Pa., October 1-4, 1917, the merger of the three general bodies, (General Synod, General Council and the United Synod South) and the proposed Constitution of The United Lutheran Church of America were both unanimously approved.

THOS. C. HOUTZ, *President.*
W. M. REARICK, *Secretary.*

12. IOWA

DES MOINES, IOWA, OCTOBER 26, 1917.

To The REV. PROFESSOR V. G. A. TRESSLER, D.D., PH.D.,
President. General Synod of the Ev. Lutheran
Church in the United States,
Springfield, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:

At the recent meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa, held in Muscatine, Iowa, Oct. 17-21, 1917, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa ratify the action of the General Synod in respect to the proposed merger of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South; and that we adopt the proposed Constitution of The United Lutheran Church of America.

Respectfully yours,

J. S. LEAMER, *President.*
PAUL H. HEISEY, *Secretary.*

13. NORTHERN INDIANA

Action of the Northern Indiana Synod of the General Synod regarding the Constitution and merger for the proposed United Lutheran Church in America:

1. *Whereas*, The Constitution for the proposed United Lutheran Church in America, which is to include the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South, has been adopted by the General Synod, and recommended by that body to its several district Synods for consideration, and,

2. *Whereas*, We, the Synod of Northern Indiana, firmly believe that the time has come for the organic union of the three general bodies above named and that the interest of the Kingdom of God will be best promoted by our united testimony and effort; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Synod of Northern Indiana in Convention assembled at Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 9-11, 1917, do subscribe to the said Constitution, and hereby give our sincere vote for the proposed merger, and we instruct our secretary to forward this action to the secretary of the General Synod.

Carried unanimously, rising vote.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the action of Northern Indiana Synod, regarding the proposed Constitution and merger for The United Lutheran Church in America, in session in Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 9-11, 1917.

ALONZO B. GARMAN,
President of Northern Indiana Synod.
DWIGHT P. BAIR,
Secretary of Northern Indiana Synod.

14. CENTRAL ILLINOIS

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., NOVEMBER 5, 1918.

This is to certify that the following action was unanimously taken by the Synod of Central Illinois, on the 17th day of October, 1917, in the city of Quincy, Illinois, and the same will be found recorded in the minutes on page 25:

Resolved, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Illinois hereby heartily approves and endorses the action of the General Synod at its meeting in Chicago, Illinois, June 20-27, 1917, with reference to the proposed merger of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South into The United Lutheran Church of America.

Signed,
F. B. HEIBERT, *President.*
W. F. BARNETT, *Acting Secretary.*

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., OCTOBER 27, 1917.

REV. PROF. V. G. A. TRESSLER, D.D.,
President of General Synod,
Springfield, Ohio.

This certifies that on the 17th day of October, 1917, the Synod of Central Illinois, by a rising and unanimous vote, ratified the action of the General Synod with respect to the merger of the General Council, General Synod and the United Synod of the South by adopting the proposed Constitution of The United Lutheran Church of America.

F. B. HEIBERT, D.D., *President.*
JACOB DIEHL, *Secretary.*

15. SUSQUEHANNA

WATSONTOWN, PA., NOV. 1, 1918.

DEAR DR. TRESSLER:

On page 39 of our Susquehanna Synod minutes of May, 1918, is the following:

Recommendation 5. That the Susquehanna Synod heartily endorse the merger and adopt the proposed Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Item 5—Adopted.

The item was adopted by a rising vote, which was unanimous. In keeping with the adoption of this recommendation, hymn 283 was sung ("Now thank we all our God").

As a Synod, therefore, we have thus endorsed and approved the merger of the General Synod, the United Synod of the South, and the General Council.

Sincerely yours,
R. G. BANNEN, *President.*
M. STANLEY KEMP, *Secretary.*

16. KANSAS

EUREKA, KANSAS, OCT. 31, 1918.

To the President of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

At a meeting of the Kansas Synod, at Wichita, Kansas, Oct. 16th-19th, 1917, the following motion was made and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the merging of the General Council, the United Synod of the South and the General Synod, as recommended by the General Synod at its last meeting in June of this year, is hereby approved, and the Constitution, as recommended, is adopted.

CARL G. AUE, *President.*
P. MENNENOEH, *Secretary.*

17. NEBRASKA

OMAHA, NEB., OCT. 29, 1917.

REV. PROF. V. G. A. TRESSLER, D.D., PH.D.,
President of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

DEAR DOCTOR TRESSLER:

It gives the President and Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska great pleasure to inform you officially that the said Synod, at the forty-fifth annual Convention, assembled at Grand Island, Nebraska, October 10-14, 1917, considered the merger proposition of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod of the South as directed by the General Synod, and unanimously and enthusiastically approved the proposed Constitution of the union of these three general bodies of Lutherans under the name of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The Nebraska Synod rejoices that the day has come when a United Lutheran Church does not seem to be far distant.

Yours in the work of the Church of Jesus Christ,

S. H. YERIAN, *President.*
C. E. SPARKS, *Secretary.*

18 WARTBURG

STEELEVILLE, ILL., OCT. 18, 1918.

This is to certify that the Wartburg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in session at Lena, Illinois, on Saturday, Sept. 9th, 1917, after careful consideration, enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed the proposed union of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in

the South into The United Lutheran Church in America, and adopted the Constitution of said United Lutheran Church in America as submitted.

(See Minutes of Wartburg Synod, 42 Convention, 1917, pages 18, 31.)

GEO. SCHULZ, *President.*
P. C. BOYSEN, *Secretary.*

19. CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., OCT. 17, 1917.

This is to certify that, on the date above, in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Francisco, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, by unanimous vote, approved and endorsed the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church.

CHARLES F. OEHLER, *President.*
GEORGE H. HILLERMAN, *Secretary.*

20. GERMAN NEBRASKA

GRAND ISLAND, NEB., OCTOBER 19, 1918.

REV. V. G. A. TRESSLER, PH.D.,
Springfield, O.

STATEMENT

The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in its session at Hastings, Neb., Sept. 12-16, 1917, passed a resolution unanimously in favor of the merger and adopted the new Constitution.

G. H. MICHELMANN, *President.*
S. TH. TRAUBEL, *Secretary.*

21. ROCKY MOUNTAIN

This is to certify that the Rocky Mountain Synod, in Convention assembled at Colorado Springs, Colo., on Sept. 12, 1917, duly ratified the action of the General Synod in its adoption of the Constitution and doctrinal basis of the proposed union of the General Synod, General Council and United Synod of the South; and gave its unanimous approval to the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America.

In witness whereof the officers have hereunto attached their signatures, and caused the seal of the Synod to be affixed.

R. B. WOLF, *President.*
A. M. KNUDSEN, *Secretary.*

22. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

DEAR DR. TRESSLER:

The Southern Illinois Synod took favorable action upon the question of merger and adopted the Constitution as presented to the General Synod at Chicago, Sept. 29, 1917.

Fraternally,

C. ROBERT DUNLAP, *President.*
E. H. GILMER, *Secretary.*

23. NEW YORK

NOVEMBER 4, 1918.

This certifies that at a Convention of the Synod of New York, held in New York City, Sept. 24-27, 1917, the following recommendations were presented to the Synod by Rev. John E. Heindel, D.D., President at that time:

a. That the Synod of New York approve the proposed union of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, according to the request of the General Synod expressed in a resolution adopted unanimously, June 26th, 1917.

b. That the Synod of New York approve the Constitution of the proposed United Lutheran Church in America.

These recommendations having been presented to the Convention were formally adopted by the Synod.

Signed,

GEO. E. HIPSLEY, *President.*
A. E. DEITZ, *Secretary.*

24. WEST VIRGINIA

This is to certify that at the sixth annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Virginia, held in Trinity Church, Wheeling, Oct. 10-14, 1917, the Synod unanimously ratified the proposed merger of the General Synod, General Council and United Synod South, and adopted the proposed Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America.

H. E. BAUGHMAN, *President.*

It thus appeared that all of the twenty-four synods composing the General Synod, had adopted this constitution and approved the merger.

Committee on Reference and Counsel submitted a supplementary report. Adopted.

A commission from the General Council, consisting of Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., F. F. Fry, D.D., and E. Clarence Miller, appeared and was received and introduced.

The commission then officially informed the General Synod that all of the actions suggested by counsel as necessary from legal standpoints to enter upon the merger into The United Lutheran Church in America had been unanimously adopted by the General Council. The United Synod in the South, through this commission, also officially informed the General Synod that identical action had been taken by The United Lutheran Church in the South.

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions

The printed report of the Board of Foreign Missions was distributed and the Secretary, Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., addressed the General Synod on various matters associated with the report.

Mr. President, Brethren and Fathers:

Your Board of Foreign Missions presents a brief report of its operations for the past eighteen months, together with a financial account up to the 1st of November, 1918, when our books were closed for this remarkable meeting.

Our missions in India, Africa and British Guiana during these days of war and national and international commotion have gone on their way in their work of the kingdom with remarkable success. While the efforts to maintain our missions have been attended with increasing difficulty, and the fields are all in need of reinforcements, for present work and for further development, yet the good hand of our God has been most graciously shown to our noble missionaries and blessed them with an abundant outpouring of His mercies and grace. Each band in its own sphere deserves the commendation of the Church, and calls for devout thanksgiving on the part of its membership.

The Board organized on the 5th of July in Hagerstown, Md., in the following manner:

The Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D., *President.*
The Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., *Vice-President.*
The Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., *General Secretary and Treasurer.*
The Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D.D., *Field Secretary.*

Your attention is invited to the following:

REFORMATION DIAMOND JUBILEE ADVANCE

The work on the home-base has been marked by the successful continuance of our Reformation Diamond Jubilee Campaign.

Since the meeting at Chicago it has been pushed with commendable success. The results reached have been most gratifying, both in pledges made and in cash received.

The team at work has lost some, and gained, other workers. They have had their headquarters in different parts of the country, and have done good service in the face of all kinds of "drives", which the Church and Nation in its great crisis have been putting over—the whole movement to help win the war being constantly urged in Church and State.

The team consisted of the following workers, in addition to the General Secretary, under whose direction the campaign was carried on:

The Rev. Luther Kuhlman, *Field Secretary.*

The Rev. Geo. Albrecht, India Missionary on furlough.

The Rev. E. H. Mueller, D.D., India Missionary on furlough.

The Rev. M. E. Thomas, India Missionary on furlough.

Mrs. M. E. Thomas, India Missionary on furlough.

The Rev. R. M. Dunkelberger, India Missionary on furlough.

The Rev. Victor McCauley, India Missionary on furlough.

Mrs. V. McCauley, India Missionary on furlough.

The latter two have not been home but a few months; Rev. Dunkelberger since May, 1918, and Rev. and Mrs. McCauley since August, 1918.

All the objects for which appeals have been made have received generous response.

Eight boarding schools for the training of Christian workers have been provided for, and the one for Tenali Station has been sanctioned at the cost of $2,000, and will soon be erected.

The hospital at Rentachintale has the needed funds almost guaranteed for its completion. Two wards for children and maternity have been provided, only the funds for men's ward need completion. Mr. and Mrs. J. Else Miller, of Philadelphia, have given $5,000 to erect a children's ward.

The college endowment fund of $100,000 is almost raised. The principalship is endowed by the gift of Mr. George Watts, of Durham, N. C., and is in the hands of the Board in good bonds in the amount of $26,000. The elementary, station and lower, primary and normal schools have for their improvement more than $40,000 in sight, and Church buildings have funds provided for Sattenapalle, Tenali and Talupad stations.

The following statement shows the present standing of our Diamond Jubilee Fund for advance work:

Pledges to November 1 from churches, Sunday-schools and individuals amount to	$260,477.00
Cash on above pledges received to date	88,930.80
Collectible pledges outstanding	171,547.00

The campaign began January 1, 1917, and the majority of the pledges for four years were made within the last eighteen months. A very fair percentage of them has been redeemed within the first period—one year—in which they have been made. By the 31st of October, 1917, pledges amounting to $138,905 were made, and the cash in hand was $16,407. Since then the pledges have risen to $260,477.00, and the cash received amounts to $88,930.80.

The many "drives" which have been made in connection with the Liberty Loan and other great philanthropic and war service causes compelled us to employ a very quiet method of campaign. The effort is being made to create a missionary spirit in the Sunday-schools by the four years' pledges, and to urge the study of missions among both old and young. It is hoped that the end of the time to redeem the pledges will mark the beginning of a zeal and love and devotion to the cause of the evangelization of the world never seen before in our Church.

BOARD'S FINANCIAL CONDITION

The financial statement for the period of eighteen months is most encouraging, and calls for devout thanksgiving. The total receipts from all sources amount to $371,920.53, while the expenditure was $338,228.61; the fund thus shown in hand is due to receipts on R. D. J. A.

Our invested funds have been increased mainly by the endowment of our Guntur College.

SPECIAL OBJECTS

Special objects have been receiving fair support. Our list of congregations now supporting their own foreign missionary pastors continues to grow, and several have signified their willingness to take on pastor's support as soon as the R. D. J. Fund has been raised.

The "Living Links" plan has grown in favor under the new system. The protege is assigned only by *number and not by name*. An annual letter is sent out to all who prefer this plan of giving. The annual cost of a student or Christian worker is $25 or $30, respectively. It is usual to contribute to this object *in excess* of the apportionment, and send the money to the General Secretary and Treasurer, 21 W. Saratoga St. Under this system friends of the cause are supporting over 500 proteges in our foreign fields.

The young people continue to send their offerings to our Sattenapalle district. Rev. and Mrs. Cannaday are the missionaries in charge of the work.

Special offerings have been received toward our orphanages, for prayer and schoolhouses, to our "70" missionaries in India, for the leper work and for the institution of the blind at Rentachintala.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION

The interdenominational institutions in which our Board and Executive Committee co-operate are the Union Tuberculosis Sanatarium at Madnapalle, in the Arcot District, near Madras; the school for the support of missionary children, at Kodaikanal; the Madras Christian College for women; the lately opened Medical School for the training of Nurses and Women Indian doctors. All these institutions have prospered, and our co-operation has been much appreciated by those who manage them. We are represented in the bodies that control them both at home and on the field.

LEGACIES, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS FOR PERMANENT INVESTMENT AND SPECIAL MEMORIAL

The legacies have not been so large this period as usual, though two very considerable wills are now waiting for the order of the courts before distribution can be made. They will amount to at least $8,500. The bequests received were as follows:

Estate of Sophie Sprick, dec., Fontanelle, Neb.	$2,445.88
Estate of Mrs. Marion Stair, York, Pa.	237.50
Estate of Flora H. Reachard, York, Pa.	237.50
Estate of H. J. Downing, Philadelphia, Pa.	462.49
Estate of Eberhard Bettenbrock, Waybe, Ind.	633.42
Estate of Susan Gault, N. Jackson, Ohio	369.68
Estate of M. E. Sauerwein	1,230.00
Balance due on Estate of Eberhard Bettenbrock	1.90
Estate of Emilie J. Keplinger	72.62
Henbeck, L. L., Bonds, Education of Christian workers	400.00
Estate of Fred Stolz	1,000.00
Mrs. Jeremiah Zimmerman	600.00
Mrs. H. Hapster, Altoona, Memorial Prayer House	500.00
The Dr. W. Baum Memorial	2,000.00

THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Great things have been undertaken by this noble society of our General Synod. They have made large contributions for the India and Africa work in the building operations in these fields, and for the support of Women's Hospital, Schools and Church. The amount appropriated for all causes in the missions was $100,816.00, which far surpasses any entire biennium in the past, and the last and best biennium, by $11,692.00. The African Mission will have a Girl School and Missionary Home and a Hospital, for which they have long waited. The war has not only greatly delayed the building operations, but also rendered them very expensive. The invested endowment for the Guntur Hospital is $23,500.00.

THE ASSETS OF THE BOARD

On May 17, 1869, the last anniversary of the Missionary Society was held in the St. Paul's Church in Washington, D. C., and on the 20th day of May the Foreign Board was organized, and took over the liabilities and assets of the committee.

At that time, our foreign staff consisted of *two* missionaries in India and *one* in Africa, and the amount of financial support provided was $5,890. Let us thank God for the small beginnings of those days and praise Him for what these men founded and set in motion.

The property value in India and in Africa was hardly more than $10,000, and the native staff of workers were five, and the baptized membership in India 680, and in Africa only one native worker continued the mission, till a foreign missionary arrived.

PRESENT FINANCIAL ASSETS

The financial assets of our fields in India, Africa and South America, at a conservative estimate as to property value, is herewith given to our General Synod members to show that we are not entering the merger empty-handed. It is not to show what great things we have done, but to let it make its appeal to all, and summon all as never before to the mighty task which lies before us in The United Lutheran Church:

Cash in hand on the 31st of October, 1918, in Banks in Baltimore.	$55,846.41
Bonds and Securities	55,892.84
Annuities	4,200.00
Collectible pledges—Individuals, Sunday-schools and Churches—on account of R. D. J. Fund	170,115.00
Value of property in India under the India Conference, Buildings and Lands	440,000.00
Number of Buildings	115
Acres of Land	247
Value of School and Prayer Houses and Land in the District of Guntur	20,000.00
Value of Land and Property in Africa	75,000.00
Value of Land, Houses, etc., in South America	15,409.00
Bank Stock in Trust for New Amsterdam Church	25,775.00
Legacies in the process of settlement in Courts	8,500.00
W. H. & F. M. Society—	
Guntur Hospital	22,500.00
Emma V. Day Fund	7,000.00
Sylvanus Stall Fund	1,395.00
Additional Endowment on Guntur Hospital	1,000.00
Additional Stall Fund	757.00
Annuities	26,625.00
Legacies	20,479.00
Cash on hand W. H. & F. M. S. Treasurer	25,000.00
	$975,494.00

THE INDIA MISSION

The Foreign Missionaries of this Mission.

	Location.	*Year of Arrival.*
Rev. L. L. Uhl, Ph.D.	Guntur	1873
Mrs. L. L. Uhl	At home	1873
Miss A. S. Kugler, M.D., Sc.D.	On furlough	1883
Rev. J. Aberly, D.D.	Guntur	1890
Mrs. J. Aberly	Guntur	1890
Rev. Geo. Albrecht, Ph.D.	On furlough	1892
Mrs. Geo. Albrecht	On furlough	1890
Rev. E. H. Mueller, D.D.	On furlough	1896
Mrs. E. H. Mueller	On furlough	1896
Miss Jessie Brewer	Guntur	1894
Miss K. Fahs	Guntur	1894
Miss Mary Baer, M.A., M.D.	Ghirala	1895
Miss A. E. Sanford, B.A.	On furlough	1895
Rev. S. C. Burger, M.A.	Ghirala	1889
Rev. Victor McCauley, M.A.	On furlough	1900
Mrs. Victor McCauley	On furlough	1900
Miss E. B. Schuff, B.A.	On furlough	1900
Rev. Isaac Cannaday	Sattenapalle	1902
Mrs. Isaac Cannaday	Sattenapalle	1898
Rev. J. Roy Strock, M.A., B.D.	Rentachintala	1908
Mrs. J. Roy Strock, Ph.D.	Rentachintala	1911
Miss M. E. Lowe	On furlough	1903
Miss J. S. Thomas, Ph.B.	Guntur	1908
Rev. M. E. Thomas, B.A., B.D.	Bapatla	1908
Mrs. M. E. Thomas, B.A.	Bapatla	1911
Rev. R. M. Dunkelberger	On furlough	1909
Mrs. R. M. Dunkelberger	On furlough	1909
Rev. Henry R. Spangler, M.A.	Guntur	1910
Rev. John C. Finefrock, B.A.	Tarlupad	1911
Mrs. John C. Finefrock, B.A.	Tarlupad	1912
Rev. G. R. Haaf, M.A.	Tenali	1912
Mrs. G. R. Haaf	Tenali	1912
Miss F. M. Welty, B.A.	Guntur	1912
Miss Luisa A. Miller, B.A.	Guntur	1913
Rev. Harry E. Dickey, B.A., B.D.	Guntur	1914
Mrs. Harry E. Dickey	Guntur	1914
Miss T. E. Nelson, B.A.	Guntur	1914
Miss E. B. Wolf, B.A., M.D.	Guntur	1914
Miss Rebekah Hoffman	Guntur	1914
Rev. G. A. Rupley, M.A.	Guntur	1915
Mrs. G. A. Rupley	Guntur	1915
Rev. J. E. Graefe, B.A.	Narasaravupet	1915
Mrs. J. E. Graefe	Narasaravupet	1915
Miss H. H. Brenneman, B.A.	Rentichintala	1915
Mr. Alfred Pfitsch, M.D.	Rentichintala	1918
Mrs. Alfred Pfitsch	Rentichintala	1918

Total 43

The following missionaries are under appointment and await permits to go to India:

Miss Alice J. Nickel.....Baltimore, Md.
Miss Mary Harrod.....Wittenberg College, Ohio.
Rev. M. R. Rugh.....Wittenberg Hamma Divinity School.
Miss Thiel.....Wittenberg College, Ohio.
Mr. Harry Goedeke.....Gettysburg Theological Seminary.
Miss Martha Katherine Hoener.....Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhns have permits to go to India, but were detained at home till next year.

The year past in our India Mission was marked by great rejoicing in connection with the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, culminating on July 31. The chief feature of this great event was the preaching of the Gospel through a series of public meetings in all parts of the mission field. These were held mainly to bring the Gospel message to the non-Christian people, and concluded this year with the hot season. Each Sunday, and on through the whole week, the work of examining candidates, baptizing them and confirming "went on". A mighty influence was exerted in all parts of the mission, and thousands heard the Gospel that never stopped to hear it before.

Our mission had great ingathering during the year, over 4,000 were baptized, and the membership rose to 57,773, of whom 20,177 are communicants.

The schools of all grades, for village communities and for boys and girls of all classes in the center stations, enrolled 13,053 scholars. Our College and High Schools, our Hospitals and Boarding Schools, our Training Institutions for Christian workers of both sexes, had full classrooms, and taxed the ability of the teachers to care for those who attended them.

The Guntur Synod has taken over the Gospel work of the mission. This is a great forward movement. All ordained and unordained Christian workers and school teachers, in connection with our Christian congregations, are under the administration of the Synod, and the movement is fairly started to create a self-supporting, self-directing and autonomous Church.

The financial statement shows that the benevolent work of the mission is well systematized, and the results are most gratifying.

From all sources, to the support of the various departments of the mission, including work for women, Rupees 123,313, or $45,000, were received. The hospitals in Guntur and Cherala continued their work of healing and mercy. For the money invested and the doctors employed, the results were wonderful to all acquainted with this department of missionary endeavor.

Dr. and Mrs. Pfitsch have taken up their residence at Rentachintala, and we shall soon have a fine work on foot under their guidance in this most needy part of our mission.

The report of the India Conference issued by the Board this year is one

of the most hopeful in the history of a very strong and successful mission. Copies are available.

We can only call attention to our continued interest in the distressed missions. We have contributed to the Gossner Mission, have the control of the Joint Synod of Ohio Mission, to which the latter furnished the financial aid, and have done all in our power to conserve the noble work of those who are not at their posts of power and influence because of the world war.

THE AFRICAN FIELD MISSIONARIES

	Location.	*Year of Arrival.*
Rev. C. H. Brosius	Muhlenberg	1907
Rev. Frank M. Traub	On furlough	1911
Mrs. Frank M. Traub	On furlough	1911
Rev. J. D. Curran	Sanoghie	1911
Mrs. J. D. Curran	Sanoghie	
Rev. G. C. Leonard	Kpolo Pelle	1913
Mrs. G. C. Leonard	On furlough	1912
Rev. H. O. Rohde	Interned in France	1914
Mrs. H. O. Rohde	On furlough	1912
Sister Laura Gilliland	Muhlenberg	1915
Miss Gertrude Ruff	Muhlenberg	1915
Mr. Lewis Wenrick	Muhlenberg	1916
Mrs. L. Wenrick	At home	
Rev. C. E. Buschman	On furlough	1916
Miss Bertha Koenig	On furlough	1916
Miss Mabel Dysinger	Muhlenberg	1917
Sister Jennie Laramouth	Muhlenberg	1917
Total		17

Africa, with its ear-shaped continental form, has much interest for our Church. Again our missionaries have passed another year in their consecrated service, and their health has been good.

The above roster shows seventeen missionaries in the service. For eighteen months the work has been pushed, and all the stations maintained under American superintendence.

The stations now occupied are the following:

Muhlenberg Station— *Missionaries.*

Boys' School and General Superintendence—Rev. C. H. Brosius.

Girls' School and other work—Sister Laura Gilliland, Sister Jennie Laramouth, Miss Mabel Dysinger, Miss Gertrude Rupp.

Building Operations in charge of Mr. Lewis Wenrick.

Bethel Station—Rev. C. Buschman, to June, 1918, in charge.

Kpolo Pelle Station—Rev. G. C. Leonard.

Sanoghie Station—Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Curran.

The last station occupied was Sanoghie. Of it Rev. Curran writes: "King Giting is chief. He is submissive to the government, but rules his people with a firm hand. The king and people agreed to send their children to school, both girls and boys—a separate school for each. They also promised to build the schoolhouse and pay part of the teacher's salary."

During the last six months of the last year Rev. Curran reported:

Services held	185
Total attendance	7860
Average	42

The other interior work which is older is being pushed along all lines, and with encouraging success. The building operations and the Emma V. Day Memorial and the dispensary have been greatly hindered by the war. Materials cannot be obtained, and great increase in rates prevails.

Mr. Wenrick has spent six months in America and has assembled materials for the completion of these buildings. He has just returned to Muhlenberg, and telegraphed his and Miss Rupp's safe arrival on the 28th of October. These buildings are being erected by the W. H. & F. Society. They will be very expensive constructions, due to the war conditions, but, as Mr. Worley writes, "the Girls' School and dormitory when completed will be about the best buildings in Liberia devoted to mission work." Kpolo Pelle and Bethel Stations, opened by Brothers Petersen and Ayers, are proving the theory at least that the interior has a more healthful climate than the coast.

ALL OUR MISSION SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO FLOURISH

For the first time in the history of the work "we have hte eight grades, and we expect to have graduation exercises for the three girls in the eighth grade at the end of this term."

In the Boys' School the usual industries—tailoring, cobbling, farming and all the various industrial branches—have been carried on. Over 100 acres are in coffee, but the price is very low; hardly more than six cents per pound can be had for it. This is due to lack of shipping facilities. The highest grade in our school is the grammar, and four boys passed it. A new course has been opened in history, geography, physiology and bookkeeping.

The mission has had its trials, due to the great war, but it has maintained its working force and carried on its plans with remarkable zeal and earnestness.

The President of the Conference, Rev. Frank Traub, and his wife have just arrived in America, all ready to advocate our African work among the churches after they have rested a while.

The encouraging development of our interior stations during the last two years, and the progress made in the language, in which all our mission-

aries are deeply interested, are the marked features in our helping to solve the problem of Liberia. Our United States government is doing something to assist her financially, and our Church must help her morally and spiritually.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN FIELD

This field calls for brief mention. The missionaries in South America have not been reinforced, due to war conditions.

Rev. J. R. White and Mrs. White have maintained the mission, and the progress made is most commendable. Mrs. White and her son have just returned to America, and Rev. White will come home on a brief furlough as soon as he can secure passage.

The missionary's late report shows the mission in good condition. The mother Church in South America has just celebrated its 175th anniversary, and signalized this event by an endeavor to wipe out their debts, which had been contracted before the missionary arrived on the field and after the death of Rev. Mittelholzer. In addition, it is planned to raise funds to erect a memorial gateway and fence on the Strand front and to unveil a memorial tablet in memory of Rev. Mittelholzer.

The Continuation School was opened in January last, and has been well supported by the community, meeting a felt want.

The congregations on the stations up the Berbice River continue to encourage the missionary, and he reports:

"At Ituni on the 14th inst. we dedicated a bell. The bell was cast in 1780, and was used for more than a century on an estate here. It weighs 200 pounds, and is just as good as new. The bell, with the tower, cost the mission about $120. The Indians paid for all this, giving their labor, and still have $29.59 left to apply to the new building. They also have added a gallery to the chapel, which gives us much-needed space for the school and for our services.

"We had a very well attended communion; the work in the school is still extremely satisfactory, and the Penny Bank is now showing deposits of $36.33.

"At Maria Henrietta we held communion on a week-day. In spite of the prediction that there would be no attendance, we had a fine attendance and the usual number of communicants. Aside from well-attended services and the usual good condition of the school there are no special things to report from this place.

"At St. Lust we held three services. At the last, our communion, the rain kept many of our adherents away, but there was more than the usual number of communicants present. Two new members were received at this place—one by confirmation and one by transfer.

"During this year we have confirmed six at Ituni, and have baptized nine children.

"At St. Lust we confirmed three and received one by transfer, and have baptized three. At Maria Henrietta we have baptized three; here we confirmed five; received by letter and baptized two, thus making a total confirmations 14; members by transfer 3, and baptisms 17, making in all 34."

NEEDS

The needs of all our fields are not new—just the old crying ones that ever call us back to our Lord's words: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." At home we need to urge the enlistment of life and substance for the new tasks of the Church abroad. When we look back to our past victories and successes with thankful hearts, and forward to the future, which is as bright as the promises of God.

What the General Synod has undertaken, its foundations laid and missions established, may furnish The United Lutheran Church with an advantageous starting ground for greater undertakings, nobler efforts and larger victories to be won in the name and strength of our great leader and Lord-Christ. "May His will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven." Amen.

REPORT OF TREASURER, REV. L. B. WOLF, D.D., FROM MAY 1, 1917, TO NOV. 1, 1918.

Cash balance, May 1, 1917	$22,556.31

RECEIPTS

Bequests from estates of:

Sophie Spreck	$2,445.88	
Marion Stair	237.50	
F. H. Reachard	237.50	
H. I. Downing	462.49	
E. Bettenbrock	635.32	
Susan Gault	369.68	
M. E. Sauerwein	1,230.00	
E. J. Keplinger	72.62	
Fred J. Stolz	1,000.00	
		$6,690.90

Trust funds:

Wm. H. Baum Mem. Fund	$2,000.00	
Mrs. S. Zimmerman Fund	600.00	
Mrs. H. E. Monroe Fund	500.00	
George and Anna Heubeck Fund	400.00	
		$3,500.00
Hencken Maternity Ward		4,000.00
From rent of slides		21.00
Interest on deposits		840.44
Interest on invested funds		2,355.64
Relief of distressed missions		28,373.10

Special for Dr. E. B. Wolf		700.00	
Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society		100,816.84	
R. D. J. A. Fund		82,894.80	
Specials for India		700.25	
Specials for Africa		260.00	
From Synods (as per atached sheet)		136,672.53	
Miscellaneous		420.79	
Securities:			
1 Green Township, Ohio, School Dist. Bond matured May 1, 1917	$300.00		
Balance account Note of S. E. Gipe	800.00		
City of Asheville, N. C., Bond matured	674.06		
Certificate of deposit, Colonial Trust Co., matured	1,500.00		
1 Maple Street, City of Ashland, Ohio, matured	400.00	3,674.06	371,920.53
Total receipts			$394,476.84

I hereby certify that the above statement is true and correct as shown by the Treasurer's books of account as of November 1, 1918.

ELSA DOETSCH,
Certified Public Accountant.

ITEMIZED STATEMENTS OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM SYNODS

(Included among receipts on Page 1 of this report.)

Synods:	
Alleghany	$10,520.00
California	1,385.05
Central Illinois	1,793.49
Central Pennsylvania	5,971.00
East Ohio	9,607.75
East Pennsylvania	15,475.09
German Nebraska	1,182.31
Iowa	1,758.05
Kansas	2,973.65
Maryland	16,253.39
Miami	4,167.43
Nebraska	2,806.43
New York	7,359.50
Northern Illinois	5,867.26
Northern Indiana	3,633.00
Olive Branch	3,335.78
Pittsburgh	9,876.25
Rocky Mountain	598.11
Southern Illinois	527.75
Wartburg	1,398.41
Susquehanna	5,718.50
West Pennsylvania	12,517.19
Wittenberg	10,367.14
West Virginia	1,580.00
Total	$136,672.53

EXPENDITURES

Traveling Expenses:		
Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D.	$850.00	
Field Secretary	250.00	
Rep. of Board Visiting Synods and Churches	400.00	
To and from India	5,502.36	
To and from Africa	534.31	
		$7,536.67
Salaries:		
Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., General Secretary and Treasurer	$3,849.95	
C. Goedeke, Office Clerk	1,403.31	
Rev. L. L. Kuhlman, D.D., Field Secretary	3,000.02	
N. E. Whitcraft, Stenographer	60.00	
Dr. M. H. Frank	100.00	
Harry Goedeke	400.00	
Elsa Doetsch	72.50	
		8,885.78
Budgets:		
India	$72,510.16	
Africa	11,622.37	
		84,132.53
General Expenses:		
Board Meetings	$249.01	
Telephone	76.44	
Postage	235.00	
Office Supplies	286.94	
Printing	709.10	
Rent of Office	654.73	
Telegrams	92.43	
Expressage	21.42	
Miscellaneous	2,059.63	
Medical Examinations	21.00	
Petty Cash Expenditures	80.00	
		4,485.70
Interest on Annuities and Trust Funds		280.00
Securities:		
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds—		
2nd Issue	$50.00	
3rd Issue	50.00	
3rd Issue ($100 pieces)	400.00	
2 Philadelphia Co. Com. Mtg. and Col. Trust Bonds (accepted at par)	2,000.00	
3 Ground rents purchased	3,729.88	
1 Ground rent (received from Sauerwein estate)	1,230.00	
26 Anglo-French 5 year 5½% (External Loan) Bonds (accepted at par)	26,000.00	
		33,459.83
Salaries to Missionaries		45,064.38
Paid Treasurer for Armenian Relief		60.00
Specials for India		150.25

Specials for Africa	60.00
Rent for Slides	15.00
Relief of Distressed Missions	26,550.00
Special for Dr. E. B. Wolf	1,061.28
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	104,990.24
Cabling Expenses	811.47
R. D. J. A. Fund	9,733.98
Dr. C. O. Nielsen	300.00
A. E. L. M. College	1,000.00
Oswald Bungalow	800.00
Kotagiri Bungalow	330.00
Hencken Maternity Ward	4,000.00
South American Mission	4,363.20
Ruth Straw (Child's Allowance)	156.25
Total Expenditures	$338,226.61
Cash on hand November 1, 1918	56,250.23
	$394,476.84

I hereby certify that the above statement is true and correct as shown by the Treasurer's books of account as of November 1, 1918.

ELSA DOETSCH,
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INVENTORY OF TRUST FUNDS. NOVEMBER 1, 1918

Preachers' and Teachers' Fund	$2,000.00
Scholarship Fund	500.00
Day Memorial Fund	1,215.14
August Wendt Fund	1,000.00
Eberhardt Fischer, Legacy	1,775.00
Martin L. and Mary C. Hessong	2,000.00
Chas. C. Weiser, Legacy	1,000.00
Gilbert Memorial Fund	2,000.00
J. B. Burgner, Legacy	400.00
Miss Clementine E. Sell, Legacy	500.00
Mrs. R. Ellis Harpster Fund	600.00
M. Louisa Earnest, Annuity	300.00
S. B. Hertz and wife, Annuity	1,000.00
Wm. J. Campbell Memorial Fund	300.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Harroway, Annuity	2,000.00
Mrs. H. E. Monroe, Annuity	500.00
Wm. M. Baum Memorial Fund	2,000.00
Mrs. S. Zimmerman Fund	600.00
George and Anna Heubeck Fund	400.00
Total	$20,090.14

(Special bequests not included in the above.)

The Securities now held by the board are as follows:

4 Seaboard Air Line 1st Mortgage Bonds, 4%.
5 Atlantic Coast Line Bonds, 4%.
4 S. W. Missouri R. R. Co. 1st Mortgage 5% Bonds.

3 Shares Ohio Mutual Savings & Loan Co. 6% Stock.
80 Shares Baltimore City 4% Stock.
1 Tri-City Ry. & Lt. Co. 5% Bond.
2 Cumberland Ry. Co. 5% Bonds.
1 United Ry. & Electric Co. of Baltimore 5% Bond.
1 Oklahoma Ry. Co. Bond, 5%.
1 City of Salem, 4½% Bond.
1 Asheville (N. C.) 6% Bond ($674.46).
3 Asheville (N. C.) 6% Bonds ($674.47 each).
1 Asheville (N. C.) 6% Bond ($673.77).
2 Philadelphia Co. Con. Mtg. & Col. Tr. 5% Bonds.
1 U. S. Liberty Loan 4% Bond ($50.00), 2nd Issue.
1 U. S. Liberty Loan Bond ($50.00), 3rd Issue.
4 U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds ($100.00), 3rd Issue.
26 Anglo-French 5 yr. 5% (External Loan) Bonds.
4 Ground rents—1040, 1042, 920 and 924 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore.

I hereby certify that the above statement is true and correct as shown by the Treasurer's books of account as of November 1, 1918.

ELSA DOETSCH,
Certified Public Accountant.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I hereby certify that I have made a thorough examination of the books of account and vouchers of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., General Secretary and Treasurer, for the period beginning May 1, 1917, and ending November 1, 1918.

All disbursements (except payment dated June 17, 1918, to Underwood Typewriter Co. for $4.75) are supported by vouchers or voucher checks.

I have examined the securities and verified the cash. The balance of cash on hand consists of $6,986.32 in the National Bank of Baltimore, $19,747.87 in the National Exchange Bank, and $29,516.04 in the Colonial Trust Co., totaling $56,250.23.

Respectfully submitted,
ELSA DOETSCH,
Certified Public Accountant.

The report was adopted.

Voted that recess be from 12 to 1:30.

Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

The report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was distributed.

The secretary of the board, Rev. H. H. Weber, D.D., addressed the General Synod on the various items of the report.

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 12TH, 1918.

To the President, Clerical and Lay Delegates of the General Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN:

We present herewith our final report as a Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to you, and are rejoiced to know that it is one of our best, and if we had been allowed to continue to finish out the biennium, we would have had the largest returns in the history of the General Synod, both for Home Missions and Church Extension.

Kindly note:—

I. ORGANIZATION

The Board was constituted by the General Synod as follows:

Rev. J. Bradley Markward, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. S. T. Nicholas, D.D., Washington, D. C.; Rev. C. E. Walter, D.D., York, Pa.; Rev. W. E. Stahler, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.; Rev. J. M. Francis, D.D, Waynesboro, Pa.; Rev. H. B. Stock, D.D., Carlisle, Pa.; Mr. Harvey C. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. W. L. Glatfelter, Spring Grove, Pa.; Geo. E. Neff, Esq., York, Pa.; Mr. J. A. Dempwolf, York, Pa.; Mr. A. H. Durboraw, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

President—Rev. J. Bradley Markward, D.D.

Vice-President—Geo. E. Neff, Esq.

GENERAL SECRETARIES

General Secretary—H. H. Weber, D.D., Security Building, York, Pa.

General Superintendent—H. L. Yarger, D.D., Room 1304, 159 N. State St., Chicago, Illinois.

Associate Secretary—A Stewart Hartman, D.D., Baltimore, Md.

Treasurer—H. H. Weber, D.D., Security Building, York, Pa.

General Attorney—George E. Neff, Esq., York, Pa.

Special Attorneys—Robbin B. Wolf, Esq., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Henry Albers, Jr., Esq., New York City.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, and the Executive Committee meets every Tuesday. It is composed of the following: Rev. J. Bradley Markward, D.D., Rev. S. T. Nicholas, D.D., Rev. C. E. Walter, D.D., Rev. H. B. Stock, D.D., Geo. E. Neff, Esq., W. L. Glatfelter, J. A. Dempwolf.

The Executive Committee has all the powers of the Board, subject to its approval.

II. PLAN OF OPERATION

The Board continued, after careful consideration and consultation with both the Synods and the members of the Advisory Home Mission and Church Extension Council, the present Plan of Operation, which was from time to time so modified as to make the work of Home Missions and Church Extension most effective for our Church.

The plan was published in the last minutes of the General Synod and need not be repeated here.

RECEIPTS

Receipts for the eighteen months of the present biennium have been $395,282.13.

We desire to call especial attention to the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The Board desires to record its deep sense of appreciation of the cordial and generous way in which this society has co-operated with it in the prosecution of our Home Mission work during the past two years. It has at all times manifested a sincere interest in every effort inaugurated to extend the operations of this work and to promote its larger success. While the amount appropriated to Home Mission objects during the biennium was a considerable one, the Executive Committee has decided to considerably increase its work in the home field in the next biennium.

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

We cannot lay too great stress upon the excellent services rendered by this efficient agency of our Church. These noble laymen are spending annually thousands of dollars in the employment of capable field and home secretaries and in the dissemination of wholesome literature, thus establishing a systematic and effective way to secure our benevolent offerings. Much of the interest in our churches is due to their faithful work throughout our General Synod. The Church at large owes them an infinite debt of gratitude.

OUR FAITHFUL MISSIONARIES

We wish to call especial attention to the faithful corps of home missionaries with which our General Synod is blessed. We believe there is not another denomination in this country that can give a better record than these noble servants of the cross.

The home missionary does not receive the praise and commendation of pulpit and press that should be accorded to him. Yet it often happens that his field has greater difficulties and requires more heroism and sacrifice than are required in any other field. As a rule his salary is not so secure, nor is it paid so regularly. Sometimes he is on the frontier, where the drives are long, frequently over bad roads, where the congregations are

small and his income very meager. His family is often poorly housed, and his exposure in all kinds of weather is an element in the problem which might cause even a brave heart to shrink. Home missionaries have been known to ride seventy miles by stage to reach a new field when the thermometer indicated twenty degrees below zero.

Sometimes he is in a city, struggling with the difficulties of a new parish. A missionary in the city has other difficulties than those of a missionary in the country, but they are quite as real.

All honor to the consecrated missionaries, whom the great Head of the Church has given us to carry on our work.

DETAILED INFORMATION

More detailed information is given in the various reports, as shown by Appendices A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, and so forth.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

H. H. WEBER, *General Secretary.*

DETAILED REPORT OF RECEIPTS FROM SYNODS

HOME MISSIONS

Synods.	Amount Apportioned for 2 yrs.	Amount Received in 2 yrs.	Excess.	Deficit.
Maryland	$14,692.50	$14,841.99	$149.49	.....
West Pennsylvania	19,171.50	14,959.33	.....	$4,212.17
New York	11,376.00	9,199.59	.....	2,176.41
East Ohio	5,442.00	5,985.91	543.91	.....
Alleghany	12,429.00	13,040.58	611.58	.....
East Pennsylvania	18,039.00	21,931.55	3,892.55	.....
Miami	4,537.50	4,832.42	294.92	.....
Central Illinois	1,992.00	2,123.36	131.36	.....
Southern Illinois	768.00	794.93	26.93	.....
Wittenberg	6,751.50	8,623.25	1,871.75	.....
Olive Branch	3,193.50	4,571.15	1,377.65	.....
Northern Illinois	4,416.00	4,001.08	.....	414.92
Pittsburgh	10,866.00	17,970.16	7,104.16	.....
Northern Indiana	3,684.00	3,217.76	.....	466.24
Central Pennsylvania	5,509.50	6,053.58	544.08	.....
Iowa	1,840.50	1,861.58	21.08	.....
Susquehanna	8,989.50	8,079.25	.....	910.25
Kansas	2,548.50	2,211.58	.....	336.92
Nebraska	2,674.50	3,596.91	922.41	.....
Wartburg	1,920.00	691.66	.....	1,228.34
German Nebraska	3,912.00	1,562.08	.....	2,349.92
Rocky Mountain	669.00	768.23	99.23	.....
California	1,837.50	1,077.86	.....	759.64
West Virginia	1,843.50	1,864.91	21.41	.....
	$150,103.00	$153,860.70	$17,612.51	$12,854.81

CHURCH EXTENSION

Synods.	Amount Apportioned for 2 yrs.	Amount Received in 2 yrs.	Excess.	Deficit.
Maryland	$9,550.50	$11,441.46	$1,890.96	.....
West Pennsylvania	12,462.00	11,776.84	.....	$685.16
New York	7,395.00	6,534.70	.....	860.30
East Ohio	3,535.50	4,144.00	608.50	.....
Alleghany	8,077.50	9,330.00	1,252.50	.....
East Pennsylvania	11,725.50	13,602.72	1,877.22	.....
Miami	2,949.00	2,720.00	.....	229.00
Central Illinois	1,294.50	1,226.36	.....	68.14
Southern Illinois	499.50	429.55	.....	69.95
Wittenberg	4,389.00	4,696.09	307.09	.....
Olive Branch	2,076.00	2,784.42	708.42	.....
Northern Illinois	2,871.00	2,718.00	.....	153.00
Pittsburgh	7,063.50	7,495.00	431.50	.....
Northern Indiana	2,395.50	2,864.00	468.50	.....
Central Pennsylvania	3,582.00	4,039.00	457.00	.....
Iowa	1,195.50	1,270.00	74.50	.....
Susquehanna	5,844.00	6,746.00	902.00	.....
Kansas	1,656.00	1,470.00	.....	186.00
Nebraska	1,738.50	4,172.35	2,433.85	.....
Wartburg	1,248.00	610.42	.....	637.58
German Nebraska	2,542.50	631.62	.....	1,910.88
Rocky Mountain	435.00	536.87	101.87	.....
California	1,194.00	2,417.63	1,123.63	.....
West Virginia	1,198.50	1,555.00	356.50	.....
	$96,918.00	$101,212.03	$12,894.04	$4,800.01

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

To Balance on hand, May 1st, 1917:

Home Mission Account	$1,584.41	
Church Extension Account	5,363.83	
Home Missions and Church Extension—York Bank	1,968.02	
Home Missions and Church Extension—New York Bank	8,498.04	
		$17,414.30
For Home Missions from Synods	$151,460.70	
For Church Extension from Synods	105,212.03	
For Special Appeals	3,338.60	
From Returned Loans	25,929.00	
From Sale of Properties	2,117.21	
From General Gifts—Home Missions	3,993.75	
From General Gifts—Church Extension	32,764.48	
From Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Home Missions	30,480.31	
From Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Church Extension	20,672.00	

From Bequests—Home Missions	5,841.15	
From Bequests—Church Extension	8,020.49	
From Interest on Trust Fund	5,452.41	
		$395,282.13
Total Receipts		$412,696.43

EXPENDITURES

By Loans to Churches, including Special Appeals and Special Appropriations	$58,762.91	
By Donations to Churches and Special Appeals—Special Appropriations	117,819.06	
By Salaries, Home Missionaries	171,134.05	
By Payments from Contingent Fund	9,781.01	
By Payments Salary, Superintendent of Missions for 20 months	5,000.00	
By Payment of Salary, General Secretary, for 20 months	5,000.00	
By Payment Salary, Treasurer, for 20 months	1,000.00	
By Payment Salary, Associate Secretary, for 20 months	3,333.20	
By Payment Traveling Expenses—Superintendent of Missions, for 20 months	1,390.35	
By Payment Traveling Expenses—General Secretary, for 20 months	1,227.60	
By Payment Traveling Expenses—Associate Secretary, for 20 months	492.43	
By Payment Members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for Traveling	1,295.13	
By Payment Expenses, Office Rents, etc	1,974.71	
By Payment Printing	8,135.74	
By Payment Annuities	595.50	
By Payment Legal Expenses	507.70	
By Payment Sundry Items	3,003.59	
		$390,358.98
To Balance on hand, May 1st, 1917—		
Home Mission Treasury	$3,337.15	
Church Extension Treasury	3,683.89	
Home Missions and Church Extension Treasury—York Bank	5,139.79	
Home Missions and Church Extension Treasury—New York Bank	10,076.62	
		$22,237.45
Total Expenditures		$412,696.43

ASSETS OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION—OCTOBER 31, 1918

Notes and Mortgages, Class A	$229,503.74
Notes and Mortgages, Class B	460,562.25
Notes and Mortgages held for Executive Committee	96,620.46
Lots owned by the Board, unimproved. (Estimated)	8,585.00
Real Estate owned by the Board	35,141.14

Trust Properties owned by the Board	40,800.00
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Board	5,600.00
The Permanent Surplus Fund	100,000.00
The Parsonage Fund	2,050.00
The Annuity Fund	15,650.00
Cash Balance, Home Missionary Treasury	3,337.15
Cash Balance, Church Extension Treasury	3,683.89
Cash Balance, Board of Home Missions and Church Extension Treasury—York County National Bank, York, Pa.	5,139.79
Cash Balance, Board of Home Missions and Church Extension Treasury—Fifth Avenue National Bank, New York, N. Y.	10,076.62
Grand Total of Assets	$1,016,750.04

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Gentlemen: We have gone over the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, H. H. Weber, as submitted to us, and find the same correct.

Vouchers are in hand for moneys expended and the various securities are intact.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. R. HORNER,
York County National Bank.
CARL S. WITTMER,
York Trust Company.
Auditors.

The report was adopted.

A part of the report of the Ways and Means Committee was read by Rev. Dr. Tressler.

A committee on complete delegations was announced by the President as follows:

Committee on Complete Delegations

Maryland, Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D.,; West Pennsylvania, Rev. A. R. Steck, D.D.; East Ohio, Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., Mr. J. L. Clark; Alleghany, Rev. Simon Snyder; East Pennsylvania, Rev. S. D. Daugherty, D.D.; Miami, Rev. G. B. Schmitt; Pittsburgh, Rev. C. B. King, D.D., Charles Stifel; Wittenberg, Rev. E. Luther Spaid; Olive Branch, Rev. D. M. Horner; Northern Illinois, Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D.; Central Pennsylvania, Rev. A. H. Spangler; Iowa, Rev. J. S. Leamer; Northern Indiana, Rev. J. D. Brosy; Central

Illinois, Rev. F. B. Heibert; Susquehanna, Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D.; Kansas, Rev. C. P. Wiest; Nebraska, Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph.D., E. G. Hopkins; German Wartburg, Rev. Chas. Knudten; California, Rev. H. C. Funk; German Nebraska, Rev. E. Klotche; Rocky Mountain, Rev. A. M. Knudsen; Southern Illinois, Rev. Robert C. Dunlap; New York, Rev. F. E. Oberlander, Rev. J. H. Meyer; West Virginia, Rev. O. C. Dean.

The following commissions were named by the President:

To the General Council—G. U. Wenner, D.D., L.H.D., L. S. Keyser, D.D., A. H. Spangler, D.D., F. D. Altman, D.D., and W. C. Stoever, Litt.D.

To the United Synod in the South—J. A. Clutz, D.D., S. W. Herman, D.D., T. B. Birch, Ph.D., Rev. E. Klotsche and Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq.

Rev. L. C. Manges, D.D., offered prayer.

The General Synod adjourned.

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THIRD SESSION

St. James' Lutheran Church, New York,
November 13, 1918.

The General Synod began its session at 1:30.

Rev. Ross Stover sang " The Lord is My Light ".

Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., offered prayer.

The minutes of the first and second sessions were read and approved.

An order of business suggested by the Committee on Reference and Counsel was approved.

The presentation of the report of the Committee on Ways and Means was resumed, the Secretary, Rev. Dr. J. A. Clutz, reading the report.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means

Your Committee on Ways and Means appointed to co-operate with similar committees from the other two general bodies in effecting the union of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United

States, and the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, in accordance with action taken by them severally and instructions given would now offer the following report:

The several committees representing the general bodies named met in Baltimore, Md., February 6th, 1918, and organized a Joint Committee on Ways and Means by the election of Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., as President, and Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D.D., as Secretary. Sub-committees were appointed to which were referred the several necessary parts of the work of the Joint Committee, and the acts of the committee from time to time, been taken after hearing and considering the reports of these several sub-committees.

Other meetings of the Joint Committee have been held as follows: Baltimore, April 3rd and 4th; Atlantic City, July 10th-12th; Harrisburg, August 23rd; Philadelphia, October 3rd and 4th; and Baltimore, October 22nd and 23rd.

It having been officially reported that the proposed Constitution had been ratified by a sufficient number of the Synods of each of the several bodies to assure the participation of these bodies in the organization thereunder of The United Lutheran Church in America, the Joint Committee proceeded to make all the necessary arrangements for such organization. The several boards and other agencies of the three bodies have co-operated with commendable spirit in the solution of the problems of the Joint Committee, and have so shaped the matters of which they have charge as to provide for the complete merging of these boards and agencies in due time.

New York City has been chosen by the Joint Committee as the place for the gathering of the three general bodies for the purpose of organizing The United Lutheran Church in America, and November 14th and 15th as the time.

Arrangements have been made for the three general bodies to be in session simultaneously in the city of New York on Thursday, November 14th, 1918, the sessions to begin at 11:30 o'clock A. M. and to continue as long as may be necessary to complete arrangements for merging. The General Synod will meet in St. James' Church, 73rd Street and Madison Avenue; the General Council in Holy Trinity Church, 65th Street and Central Park West; and the United Synod in the Church of the Advent, 93rd Street and Broadway.

The following recommendations are submitted by the Joint Committee through us, your committee, with the request that they be adopted in order to secure uniformity of action and a proper order of procedure:

A. FOR ACTION BY THE THREE BODIES PRECEDING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

1. That each of the general bodies shall give notice to the other two not later than noon of Wednesday, November 13th, of its purpose to meet in

New York on November 14th, as arranged for by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

2. That each general body shall be in session in the city of New York, at the place appointed for its Convention, on Thursday, November 14th, from 11:30 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

3. That each general body, as soon as it shall have assembled as provided for above, shall appoint two commissions of five members each, one to each of the other bodies, which commissions shall be the bearers of such communications as it may desire to forward to them with regard to their readiness to meet with it Thursday afternoon and Friday morning to take the initiatory legal steps necessary to the incorporation of The United Lutheran Church in America.

4. That when these commissions shall have reported to their several bodies that they have performed the duty assigned to them, each body may adjourn at its pleasure subject to the call of its President or Executive Committee.

5. That the delegates of each general body be instructed to assemble on Thursday, November 14th, at 3:30 P. M., in the Church of the Holy Trinity at 65th Street and Central Park West, and on Friday, November 15th, at 9:00 A. M., in the Engineering Societies' Hall, Nos. 25-33 West 39th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

6. That the General Synod shall take the following action amending the second resolution found on page 83 of the "Proceedings of the Forty-eighth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, in session at Chicago, Illinois, June 20-27, 1917":

Resolved, That for the words "it shall dissolve, and merge in The United Lutheran Church in America, whose first convention shall then and there begin," in Resolution 2, passed June 23, 1917, the following be substituted:

"The delegates of the General Synod shall join the delegates of the General Council and the delegates of the United Synod in the South, and then the said delegates of the said three bodies shall together, as the delegates of the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

"*Resolved*, That if similar action is taken by the General Council and the United Synod in the South, (1) the General Synod shall promptly, to the fullest extent requested from time to time by a duly authorized committee appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America, (a) unite with the General Council and the United Synod in the South in continuing all its activities in and through The United Lutheran Church in America, (b) convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (the General Synod's) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America, and (c) cause all its (the

General Synod's) boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America; and (2) the General Synod shall, after the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, act separately only in such matters and to such an extent as the said committee will permit.

"*Resolved*, That if similar action is taken by the General Council and the United Synod in the South, (1) the General Synod shall, whenever and as often as requested by the said committee appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America, do all such things and take all such action as the said committee will request from time to time for the purpose of (a) carrying the last preceding resolution into effect, and (b) facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally merging the General Synod and any or all of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies.

"*Resolved*, That after the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America the times and places of the conventions of the General Synod shall be appointed exclusively by the said committee.

"*Resolved*, That the officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives of the General Synod and its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies, are hereby authorized and directed to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce the three last preceding resolutions."

Your committee advises that all these recommendations be approved and complied with and the action requested taken by this body.

The recommendations were approved, and the foregoing resolutions were adopted.

7. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommends, further, that if it should be found that the district Synods of either one of the general bodies, under its present basis of representation, would be entitled to either more or less delegates at its Conventions, than the same Synod would be entitled to at the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America under the basis of representation provided for in the Constitution, Article V, Section 1, the general body with which such Synod is connected shall consider the advisability of so amending its Constitution as to make the number of delegates to both Conventions the same, and also to provide that the delegates elected by its district Synods to the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America shall also be, by virtue of that fact, the delegates to its own Conventions."

Your committee advises that this recommendation be approved in substance, and that the necessary steps be taken to carry it into effect.

This was done as recommended.

8. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means further recommends that each of the three general bodies shall take the following action:

Resolved, That it is the sense of—Name—that the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America be effected under the Constitution approved by the three general bodies and the district synods connected with them, and in accordance with the rules proposed by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

This resolution was passed after inserting " the General Synod " in place of " Name ".

Your committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by this body.

B. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following is an outline of the business that must be transacted by the unincorporated United Lutheran Church in America, November 14th and 15th, as furnished by the legal adviser:

1. At the first business meeting to be held on Thursday, November 14th, at 3:30 P. M., in the Church of the Holy Trinity.

(*a*). Election of President and Secretary of the unincorporated body (temporary officers). One of them must be a resident of the State of New York.

(*b*). Roll call of delegates.

(*c*). Reading the written prescribed notice of application for incorporation.

2. At the second business meeting and at such subsequent business meetings as may be agreed to:

(*a*). Roll call of delegates.

(*b*). Passing of a resolution to the effect that The United Lutheran Church determines to become incorporated under the laws of the State of New York by the name of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommends that this be done.

(*c*). Resolution that twelve persons be elected who together with the three officers of The United Lutheran Church, shall be the first trustees of the corporation. One of these trustees must reside in the State of New York.

(*d*). Election of permanent officers.

(*e*). Election of twelve trustees who, together with the officers, will also constitute the Executive Board. (See Constitution, Article XI, Section 1.)

(*f*). The execution by the officers of the necessary papers applying for incorporation.

(*g*). The adoption of Constitution and By-Laws, which must be adopted as a whole and by a two-thirds vote.

(*h*). The ratification of the election of officers.

(*i*). The election of boards, commissions and committees, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the body.

More detailed information will be furnished in the report of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to be made to The United Lutheran Church.

C. CONTINUATION AND ACTION OF THE GENERAL BODIES AFTER THE MERGER

The legal counsel of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means advises that in order to safeguard all property rights, and properly carry into effect the actual merging of all the interests and activities of the three general bodies, it will be necessary for them to continue their corporate existence at least for a limited time.

The Joint Committee therefore recommends:

1. That after the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America the three general bodies uniting in said organization shall, unless the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America requests otherwise, hold their biennial Conventions at the same place as, and immediately preceding, the regular Conventions of The United Lutheran Church. At such meetings they shall elect officers and boards for the ensuing biennium and shall transact such other legal business as may be necessary.

2. That the following provisions for simultaneous sessions of the several general bodies after the organization of The United Lutheran Church be observed, unless the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America request otherwise, and unless the action called for in the following paragraphs shall have been taken previously:

(*a*). That each of the general bodies shall, subject to the direction of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, order all of its boards, commissions and committees, and other agencies, to meet and transfer their cash, their accounts and the management of the work committed to them severally, to the corresponding boards, commissions and committees, etc., of The United Lutheran Church, and shall take proper receipts for the same; provided, that the boards, commissions, committees, etc., of all the general bodies make a like transfer.

(*b*). That, subject to the directions of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, each of the three general bodies shall order its treasurer to transfer any cash that may be in his hands, after providing for all debts and obligations, together with a statement of the assets of said general body, to the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church, and shall take his receipt for the same; provided, that the treasurers of all the

general bodies make a like transfer; and provided, also, that The United Lutheran Church shall undertake to discharge all obligations that may be incurred by any one of the general bodies in the completion of the merger.

(*c*). That the Secretary of each general body be instructed to furnish a correct record of the proceedings of the body to the Secretary of The United Lutheran Church to be published with its Minutes.

(*d*). That a copy of such record of each general body be furnished also to the secretaries of each of the other two general bodies to be printed and distributed with their Minutes.

(*e*). That when the several boards, commissions, committees and other agencies of the several general bodies shall report to their respective bodies that the duties provided for under Item 1, above, have been performed, such general body shall instruct its boards, commissions, committees, etc., to continue to act as receiving agents, and to transmit such funds as may come into their hands for the use of The United Lutheran Church, to the corresponding board, commission, committee, or other agency of the said United Lutheran Church, and to hold subject to the order of their own general body all funds designated for its uses.

(*f*). That when the treasurer of each general body shall report the duty assigned to him, under Item 2 above, performed, he shall likewise be continued in office as a receiving agent, whose duty it shall be to transmit to the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church such funds as he may receive for its use, and to hold subject to the order of his own general body all funds which he may receive designated for its uses.

(*g*). That each general body shall instruct its pastors and through them the treasurers of all its congregations, and all its people, to whom the funds should be sent for the several causes and activities of The United Lutheran Church, and its President shall see that such instructions are published also in the Church paper, or papers.

(*h*). That each general body shall appoint the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church to act as its treasurer, also to receive and disburse all monies intended for the use of The United Lutheran Church under the authority and direction of the said The United Lutheran Church.

(*i*). Likewise, that each general body shall appoint and constitute the boards, commissions, committees, and other agencies, of The United Lutheran Church to be also its boards, commissions, committees and agencies, to administer its work as represented in and by these several boards, commissions, committees and other agencies of The United Lutheran Church, and under the authority and direction of the said The United Lutheran Church.

(*j*). That after the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America, the several general bodies shall, pursuant to the directions of the Executive Board, meet only to transact such business as may be necessary

in order to safeguard their property rights and other interests, and to prepare for the merging of themselves completely in The United Lutheran Church in America.

(*k*). That each of the three general bodies shall take action committing the completion of the work of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, and providing also for the discharge of its own Committee on Ways and Means.

(*l*). That, having completed the above program of business, the several general bodies shall adjourn to meet at such time as may be designated by each of them, pursuant to the directions of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church.

Your committee advises that these recommendations be approved and complied with.

The foregoing recommendations were approved, and the instructions therein suggested made the action of the General Synod, thus obviating the need of a special meeting of the General Synod after the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America.

D. FURTHER INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF A MORE GENERAL CHARACTER

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means, at its several sessions, took the following action:

1. With respect to the certification of delegates to the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America:

"The Secretaries of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South shall present to the Secretary *pro tem* of The United Lutheran Church the credentials presented to the last Conventions of each of the first named three bodies by the duly enrolled delegates thereto and such credentials shall be received and accepted as the credentials of the persons named therein as delegates from their respective district Synods to the Convention of The United Lutheran Church, provided that, thereafter, any necessary changes or corrections in the list of enrolled delegates to the Convention of The United Lutheran Church may be made when directed by a vote of those enrolled as aforesaid, and the Committee on Program shall arrange for expression on the part of the delegation from each district Synod of its assent thereto."

Your committee recommends that the Secretary of this body be directed to carry out these instructions.

He was so directed.

2. With respect to the personnel of the several synodical delegations to the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church:

"(1). The individuals certified to the Secretary *pro tem* by the respective Secretaries of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South as the accredited and accepted delegates of component Synods, participating in the last preceding regular Convention of their respective General Bodies, shall, without regard to the basis of representation which will obtain after the first Convention, be the true and lawful delegates to, and for the transaction of the business of, The First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

"(2.) The personnel of the delegations of component Synods, participating in the last preceding regular Conventions of the three respective general bodies now merging, shall not be disturbed nor altered by such component Synods, or any officers or committees of such component Synods, but only by vote of the enrolled members of such delegation present at a meeting, called by the acting chairman of the same, prior to the opening of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America to effect 'necessary changes and corrections'.

"(3). Subject to paragraph '4,' the determination of 'necessary changes and corrections' in the personnel of accredited synodical delegates acting in the last preceding regular Convention of any of the general bodies now merging shall be predicated upon the following circumstances:

"(*a*). Vacancies caused by death.

"(*b*). Vacancies caused by unavoidable absence.

"(*c*). Vacancies caused by the removal of a recognized delegate participating in the last preceding regular Convention of his general body, from a parish, a pastorate, or an institutional incumbency in one local or district Synod into a parish, a pastorate, or institutional incumbency of another local or district Synod, even though connected with the same general body.

"(*d*). Vacancies caused by unexcused absence from the meeting of the synodical delegation called and held for the effecting of 'necessary changes and corrections' in the delegation.

"(4). In voting the 'necessary changes and corrections' and in the choice of individuals to fill existing vacancies in their delegation, each synodical delegation shall determine its own procedure, in accordance with the Constitution of its own Synod.

"(5). When a synodical delegation has voted the necessary changes and corrections in its personnel, the corrected list of names of delegates shall be certified by the chairman of said delegation to the Secretary of its respective general body, and the names of the individuals so certified shall be certified, as above provided, to the Secretary *pro tem* of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, as the regularly ac-

credited delegates of that general body to the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

"(6). No credentials additional to those presented to the Secretary *pro tem* by the Secretaries of the general bodies merging will be received or considered on the floor of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America."

Your committee recommends that these suggestions be approved and referred to our several synodical delegations for their guidance in filling vacancies.

This recommendation was adopted.

3. With reference to paying the expenses of delegates.

The Joint Committee found, on inquiry, that the practice in the three general bodies in this matter has not been the same. With a view to reaching as great uniformity as is practicable, at the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church, it took the following action:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means that the several general bodies should provide for the expenses of their delegates to the first meeting of The United Lutheran Church in America, the method of making such provision to be determined for itself by each general body.

Your committee would recommend that this judgment of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means be approved by this body and that the Executive Committee be instructed to take the matter under consideration and to recommend such action as it may deem best.

This was done.

4. With reference to nominations for the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church:

Inasmuch as it will be necessary to elect the first Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church before the body can be incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means has requested that the Executive Committees of the three general bodies nominate six ministers and six laymen who, in addition to the three officers, will make the required number of fifteen. (See the Constitution, Article XI, Section 1.)

These nominations are to be made on the following basis: two ministers and three laymen are to be nominated by the Executive Committee of the General Synod, three ministers and two laymen by the Executive Committee of the General Council, and one minister and one layman by

the Executive Committee of the United Synod in the South. It will be necessary also to designate the term of office of each person nominated so that two ministers and two laymen may be elected for two years, two ministers and two laymen for four years, and two ministers and two laymen for six years. (See Constitution, Article XI, Section 2.)

Your committee recommends that this request of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means be complied with, and that the Executive Committee of this body be directed to make the required nominations and, in conference with the Executive Committees of the other two general bodies, to arrange as to the term of office of each person nominated.

This recommendation was approved and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
V. G. A. TRESSLER, *Chairman.*
J. A. CLUTZ, *Secretary.*

The report as presented was adopted by a rising vote and Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., LL.D., offered prayer.

The National Lutheran Home for the Aged

The following paper was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That, in order to enable The National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., to properly connect itself with The United Lutheran Church in America, this General Synod hereby authorizes and directs its proper officers to execute and deliver to said The National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., a full re-conveyance of and release from all powers, rights and privileges vested in this General Synod by deed to it from said The National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., dated September 6, 1895, and recorded June 8, 1897, in Liber 2227 at folio 195 et seq., one of the Land Records of the District of Columbia.

Laymen's Missionary Movement

The following report was read by Mr. A. D. Chiquoine, General Secretary, and adopted:

To the President, Clerical and Lay Delegates of the General Synod in Convention, November 13th and 14th, 1918.

Brethren:

The Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement presents the following brief report of its activities for the past eighteen months:

Notwithstanding the abnormal conditions existing, marked progress has been made and results accomplished which have been gratifying.

No change has occurred in the personnel of the committee, as follows: Messrs. J. L. Clark, Chairman; H. L. Hess, Secretary; P. A. Elsesser, Treasurer; E. J. Young, F. W. Albrecht, Wm. Decker, W. C. Stoever, Harvey C. Miller, G. A. Klinefelter, E. G. Hoover, Wm. L. Glatfelter, Charles Steele and J. E. Miller.

The committee held meetings semi-annually in Philadelphia—in May and November.

In the past eighteen months 267 churches were visited, 418 addresses made and 38,000 persons addressed. Assistance was given for the conduct of 153 every-member canvasses. Secretary Weller spent six months campaigning in the middle west Synods, so that now all the English district Synods, except California, have been visited in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Financial assistance was given to six students preparing for the ministry.

The results of the work of your committee, in part at least, will be shown by the increased activities on the part of congregations, as indicated in the parochial tables, and the reports of contributions by the benevolence boards.

In response to the invitation of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, the following recommendation was made: That the Laymen's Missionary Movement be continued in The United Lutheran Church along the present plans of operation, with such modification as may be necessary to meet the conditions of the larger field.

Your committee has placed its accumulated records and assets at the disposal of The United Lutheran Church, and assures it of the continued interest and willing co-operation of the present personnel.

FINANCES

RECEIPTS TO NOVEMBER 1ST, 1918

Balance on hand, May 1st, 1917	$602.80
Received from Subscriptions, etc.	12,937.46
	$13,540.26

DISBURSEMENTS TO NOVEMBER 1ST, 1918

Typewriting, Printing, Miscellaneous, etc.	$1,062.93	
Salaries	6,495.00	
Traveling Expenses of Secretaries	1,640.17	
Office Expenses	2,892.76	
Student Fund	800.00	
	$12,890.86	
Balance on hand to November 1st, 1918	649.40	$13,540.26

Estimated value of office furniture, printed matter and stationery. $400.00

Your Executive Committee, in making this final report, relinquishes its work with a sense of deep gratitude for the privilege enjoyed in its part of promoting the interest of the Kingdom.

Perfect harmony has prevailed in the organization and all relations. Conscientious motives have characterized every action and effort in the discharge of its duties. The commendations of the General Synod and district Synods have been appreciated. The co-operation and encouragement given by the officials of the various boards have been most helpful. The sympathetic interest on the part of the pastors was an essential factor in contributing to the success of the work of the committee and its representatives. The results of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the General Synod have been largely achieved by the response of the great number of Godly, consecrated laymen throughout the Church, to the appeals made for their personal interest and activity. Credit is due them for the devotion of time, talents and money for the advancement of the King's Business in their respective churches.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

A. D. CHIQUOINE, *General Secretary.*

Report of the Hymn Book Publishing Committee

The report of this committee was presented by Mr. A. D. Chiquoine, chairman, as follows:

The Hymn Book Publishing Committee reports that payments made by the Lutheran Publication Society for royalties, for the year ending April 30th, 1918, were $876.71, and for the six months ending October 31st, 1918, were $460.08; making a total of $1,336.79.

These amounts were transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Synod and his receipts for the same are on file.

We recommend that the plates of the Books of Worship, etc., be preserved, and that they be given to the Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America; and, further, we request that the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church direct the Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church to furnish such editions as may be ordered, until such time as the orders may no longer warrant the expense of publication.

A. D. CHIQUOINE, *Chairman.*

It was adopted.

Report of Committee on Rural Churches

Lay Reader I. Searles Runyon, chairman of the Committee on Country Churches, read the following report:

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 13, 1918.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF GENERAL SYNOD:

The problem of the rural church is so complex that not even adequate statement of it could be made in the limited time that General Synod can give to it at this brief Convention. Your committee has gathered much data, a considerable part of which it would like to present, but for the reason stated above we consider it wise to limit our statement to the briefest possible scope that enables us to present a few of the most important phases of our problems, and upon the basis of the facts cited to offer one specific recommendation.

It seems to be practically universally agreed that the Church has not in late years maintained its former place of leadership in rural communities. This fact is due to a number of causes, chief among which appears to be the more general and liberal education among farmers and other residents of these communities.

Another fact or condition not peculiar to rural districts, but affecting the Church here more vitally because the population is sparse, is the apparently growing indifference of men to the Church and religion. In place of mere luke-warmness regarding religion which prevailed in former times, we now note the disposition to ignore it and the Church altogether. In place of the class of men who though only nominal members of the Church or not members at all but who supported the Church because they believed it was needed to maintain the required moral standards in the community, we now see a class of men who appear to think that the welfare of the community is not vitally dependent upon a strong and active church life within it. The sense of dire need of personal salvation through the Saviour's mediation seems to be less prevalent among men, and less impressed upon the minds even of church members than it was among the men of the last generation. A greater general knowledge of things and of other men, and a lesser knowledge of their own personal spiritual selves and needs appears to be the condition today among men of town and country, but affecting the rural church more radically because it has a smaller number of people from whom to draw its strength.

Naturally this decrease in appreciation of the Church as a moral force in the community has led to a corresponding decrease in activity and effort on the part of Church members to induce others to attend Church services and to accept instruction in religion. Evidence of this decline in the interest of Church members is shown by many facts. For example, in one rural community where conditions were examined by your committee it was discovered that thirty years or more ago it was the practice of two farmers, who lived in a village about two miles away from the church, each, every Sunday morning to harness a pair of horses to a large spring farm wagon fitted with comfortable seating especially for the purpose, and transport to church nearly the whole population of their little village. Today,

though there are prosperous farmers in that little village who are members of that same church, they have not sufficient interest in the spiritual welfare of their neighbors to provide means for their conveyance to church.

This instance furnishes an example of what appears to your committee to be a prevalent and growing condition of mind among Christians—that is, a great decrease in the sense of personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of other people. This condition prevails in town and city congregations as well as those located in rural districts. But as a rule the urban congregations are larger, and therefore still have sufficient earnest and active workers to continue the work of finding and bringing in recruits.

Your committee is not ignorant of the many other phases of this complex problem. We are fully aware of the difficulties involved in the ministerial side of the question. For example, the matter of financial support of a pastor, the fact that many a rural congregation in its present condition is absolutely unable to provide even the most modest living for a minister and his family. But this side of the question is probably so familiar to members of General Synod that it does not require extended statement or discussion.

It is a fact patent to any careful observer that many rural congregations are in a condition that requires prompt and effective relief and remedy or their day of existence, even, will soon be past. What remedy shall be applied?

Your committee believes the following outline plan is worthy of consideration and trial, and therefore recommends that one or more Synods be requested to make an effort with it, adapted to meet conditions.

That three or more declining churches, located near enough together to permit of their being grouped under the general supervision of one pastor, be induced to work out the plan. That these churches unite in raising a budget, with mission or synodical assistance if necessary, adequate to support a man fully qualified for the most progressive and effective work, and furnish compensation for part-time service of as many lay assistants as there are churches in the parish, less one. That these assistants, chosen from the parish but not necessarily to minister to their local churches, after receiving any training required to enable them to conduct a service acceptably, be duly commissioned by Synod as lay readers, and authorized to conduct regular services of worship, including the delivery of a sermon prepared by the pastor—the same sermon delivered by him to one congregation to be read on the same Sunday by his assistants to the other congregations of the parish. That this organization undertake its parish work with the widely- and well-understood purpose of building up each church of the parish to its former place of leadership in community life and to the capacity of individual self-support, and that in the plan be included the avowed purpose on the part of the members actively to support the program with whatever of personal service may be found necessary to carry it into effect.

Your committee believes this general plan holds possibilities of success if rightly adapted, judiciously presented to a group of congregations, and vigorously though tactfully executed, and we trust a way and a place may be found to make an effort with it.

Your committee suggests a recommendation to The United Lutheran Church in America that the Inner Mission Board be charged with the duty of studying this matter further and empowered to secure, if possible, trials of this and other methods.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SEARLES RUNYON,
ELMER KAHL,
L. P. YOUNG,
PAUL H. HEISEY,
Committee.

Per I. S. R. by authority.

The report was adopted.

Second Report of the Inner Mission Board of the General Synod

The report of the Board of Inner Missions was read by the secretary, Rev. William Freas, as follows:

To the President and Members of the General Synod.

Brethren:

"The Inner Mission is the Church's endeavor to make real to-day what Christ was in His day—a person going about doing good." It is Christ in each Christian, dealing with men's need and distress so that they get at the root of it—sin.

The fuller realization of this ideal by the Church has been the constant aim in the work of the Inner Mission Board.

In the three years of the life of the board real progress has been made. The Church sees more clearly the tremendous possibilities of a loving personal service to others.

It is impossible to give in detail all the work. It must therefore suffice to point out four outstanding features of the last year's effort.

I. WAR WORK

War work now occupies the center of interest. So far as the General Synod is concerned the war work is an activity of the Inner Mission Board. It is your board which represents you today in this work. This is perfectly proper, as what is being done is eminently Inner Mission work,

It is a service to those who are not reached through the regular operations of the Church.

The Inner Mission Board is partly responsible for the large efficient service which is today being given to our boys. It was your board which sought the co-operation of the Inner Mission Committees of the General Council and the United Synod South as early as April, 1917. An organization entitled the "United Inner Mission" was formed on May 16, 1917, in Philadelphia, Pa. To this service full endorsement and support was given by the General Synod at the Chicago Convention.

It soon became evident that the fullest service was possible only as all branches of the Lutheran Church worked more nearly in harmony with each other. This was realized in the organization on October 19, 1917, of the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare. This organization includes the Inner Mission Board as the authorized agency of the General Synod for war service. The work of the commission is therefore properly reported to you in this report. A few facts!

Lutheran chaplains are sought, equipped, assisted. Eighty-one army and eleven navy chaplains have been appointed. Thru co-operation with other Protestant bodies the standing and work of the chaplains has been improved. Camp pastors, at present about 100 in number, are appointed, supported and equipped as the representatives of the Church in serving the men in the camps. Churches near camps are strengthened, sometimes with loans without interest. Buildings are erected through the Lutheran Brotherhood or in co-operation with other Protestant bodies. Social rooms in towns near camps are opened and supported. Service clubs are assisted in their work. The women of the Church are serving through their committee by knitting and sewing in addition to local activities of women's societies. Each week there is sent to all the boys whose names and addresses have been sent to the commission's office the War Service Message for the Day. The effort is made to supply each boy with an Army and Navy Service Book before he leaves for the other side. Other suitable literature is distributed. The Church at home has been stimulated to pray and help. New possibilities of service are constantly appearing and undertaken. A printed report of the past year's work is in press and will soon be ready for distribution.

II. MEETINGS WITH THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND UNITED SYNOD SOUTH

At the meeting of May 16th not only war service, but also the fundamental principles of the Inner Mission, were discussed. It was gratifying to note the unanimity of sentiment concerning these principles. The possibility of doing some work together even before the merger occurred was suggested.

The war work monopolized attention for a time, but a later meeting oc-

curred in New York on Dec. 6, 1917. At this time three things were considered possible and desirable for immediate co-operation.

(1) A Constitution for the merged board could be suggested.

(2) The problem of lay workers could be considered.

(3) Present day problems could be discussed and the ground prepared for future work.

Committees were appointed for these three purposes.

On March 5, 1918, a third meeting was held at which time the proposed Constitution for the Inner Mission Board of The United Lutheran Church was adopted and referred to the Ways and Means Committee for action. The Lay Worker Committee reported a conference with the Board of the Deaconess Motherhouse in Baltimore concerning a two years' training course for Christian workers.

The entire agreement in spirit and principle between the Inner Mission representatives of the three merging bodies points to a most harmonious and far-reaching service for the Church in the future.

III. BOARD ACTIVITIES

There are two prominent features of the distinct work of the board in the last year.

(1) *The Lay Reader.* The General Synod has considered this matter before the appointment of our board. As a distinct Inner Mission work the General Synod, in session at Chicago, committed the development of this activity to the Inner Mission Board. Principles for the work have been adopted. A course of study has been prepared. The methods of selection and appointment have been indicated. A form for commissioning is ready for use. And the plan has been set forth before the Church for its use through each district Synod.

We are happy to report that under this adopted plan three laymen have been commissioned to the Lay Reader service: Mr. I. Searles Runyon, Walter Schiel, A. C. Misch. They are all members of the New York Synod. Already they have entirely justified all expectations in the use of laymen to supplement the work of our pastors. Properly qualified and prepared laymen are being sought through synodical and conference Inner Mission committees.

(2) *Literature Published.* Four Inner Mission sermons prepared by Rev. Wm. H. Feldmann, a member of the board, have been published and are ready for distribution to the Church. Their titles are, "Christian Catholicity," to be sent to all pastors; "Christ, the Physician"; "Christ, the Nurse"; "Christ, the Tentmaker". These are intended, as their titles indicate, for physicians, nurses and business men. Names of physicians and nurses are eagerly desired by the board.

A leaflet, "Religion in Every Day Life", by Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., has been reprinted with the author's consent. In his attractive style Dr. Zimmerman has shown the working out of the Inner Mission ideal in every day life.

IV. A NEW HOSPITAL

The Lutherans of Falls City, Neb., have organized a hospital association and solicited funds for the erection of a hospital in their city. This is in a section of the west which is lacking in such facilities. The Inner Mission Board is glad, after thorough investigation, to give its hearty endorsement to this effort.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

(Report of Auditing Committee.)

RECAPITULATION—MAY 1, 1917, TO NOV. 12, 1918

Balance, May 1, 1917		$106.55
Receipts, May 1, 1917, to Nov. 12, 1918—		
General Synod Treasury	$1,650.00	
Gifts	636.55	
Subscriptions to "*A Message for the Day*"	94.83	
Postage on Pamphlets	1.05	
Sale of Literature	37.78	
War Work	16.17	
Miscellaneous	71.01	2,507.39
		$2,613.94

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing		$512.35
Office Expense—		
Expense in Postage	$684.00	
"*Message*" Expenses	52.37	
National Lutheran Commission	150.00	886.37
Traveling, Board Meetings	$360.18	
Executive Committee Meetings	24.48	384.66
United Inner Mission	$500.00	
War Work	10.50	510.50
Pittsburgh Conference		100.00
Miscellaneous		36.20
		$2,540.22
Balance		73.72
Total		$2,613.94

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 12, 1918.

The undersigned have examined and audited the books of the Inner Mission Board for the period from March 4, 1918, to November 12, 1918, and have found them correct. The receipts have been checked into the bank deposits and the expenditures have been found sustained by properly executed vouchers. The cash balance as shown in the books, $78.92, is in agreement with the balance in the bank as of this date.

H. E. EILERT,
CHALMERS E. FRONTZ.

VI. It seems good to add a word about the emphasis in our work. It has uniformly been laid upon the development of the ideal of individual Christian service in the congregation. Institutions are desirable, yet they are but a secondary activity. This distinction cannot be too strongly emphasized, as it indicates the entire tendency of the work of the board. This distinction has been clearly embodied in a portion of the new Constitution of the Inner Mission Board of The United Lutheran Church, which is herewith given.

Subject to the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church, or its resolutions, the board shall have full power to prosecute the work entrusted to it. It shall have authority to fulfill these purposes:

(1) *Congregational.*

To effect more truly in all congregations of The United Lutheran Church the reality of Inner Mission—active Christian service to the needy on the part of the entire congregation, and of all its individual members.

(2) *Institutional.*

To promote the establishment of local Inner Mission Societies in localities where special Inner Mission work needs to be done; to plan for the establishment of institutions of mercy throughout the land, in accordance with well-conceived ideas of need and territory; to aim at a more harmonious order in the relation to The United Lutheran Church of the various institutions of an Inner Mission nature already existing; to give to each institution the benefits of wide experience and large co-operation in institutional work; to make a report for all of these activities at every session of The United Lutheran Church; in general, to organize effectually our institutional work, while not interfering with each institution's autonomy in its entire internal management and control.

(3) *Educational.*

To provide for the proper training of Christian workers for both congregational and institutional Inner Mission work; to carry on an educational campaign through literature, the holding of institutes, and other means, for the purpose of spreading the Inner Mission.

The record of our work would be incomplete without adding our deepest gratitude for the hearty co-operation of the officers of the General Synod, many of her pastors and congregations, and those special friends who have ever been ready to support our work and respond to calls to service.

The board also feels that it must give public expression to its sense of indebtedness to its unselfish leader, President F. H. Knubel, D.D. It is to his wise and untiring leadership and inspiration that much of the credit for the success of our work must be given.

And so we lay down our unfinished task that others may take it up and carry it on to the glory of God and the upbuilding of His people in Christian living and service.

THE INNER MISSION BOARD,
WM. FREAS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Resolved, That the Inner Mission Board records its hearty appreciation of the services of the Secretary, Rev. William Freas, who, without compensation, has carried the details and some of the executive features of the work in such an efficient manner.

THE BOARD,
By I. S. RUNYON.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Krueger, the treasurer, presented the financial report of Tabitha Home as follows:

Report of the Treasurer of Tabitha Home

J. F. KRUEGER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska, covering receipts and disbursements from May 1, 1917, to October 31, 1918.*

RECEIPTS

On hand May 1, 1917	$925.36
Aged Department	6,444.04
Orphanage	2,492.50
Boarding Club	544.00
Coal Fund	118.75
Donations	1,523.43
Elevator	1,881.67
Laundry	18.31
Legacies	3,030.36
Messenger	19.00
Miscellaneous	56.00
Parsonage	2,689.11
Rent on Farm	53.00
Alleghany Synod	1,741.00
Central Illinois	314.00
California	277.99

Central Pennsylvania	756.00
East Pennsylvania	2,774.42
East Ohio	971.00
German Nebraska	6,411.81
Iowa	330.07
Kansas	1,200.18
Maryland	2,159.88
Miami	700.00
Nebraska	1,472.91
New York	1,100.00
Northern Indiana	527.00
Northern Illinois	718.18
Olive Branch	543.50
Pittsburgh	1,337.00
Rocky Mountain	240.63
Susquehanna	946.00
Southern Illinois	85.70
Wartburg	1,350.62
West Pennsylvania	2,074.00
Wittenberg	1,256.62
West Virginia	265.00
Total Receipts	$49,349.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Automobile	$1,357.38
Drugs	441.72
Elevator	2,506.10
Fuel	4,446.43
Feed	155.80
Funeral Expense	371.50
Interest	542.45
Indebtedness	575.00
Insurance	102.95
Light and Power	967.91
Miscellaneous	2,087.62
Office Expense	71.13
Printing	731.07
Parsonage	6,236.56
Repairs and Improvements	5,840.69
Running Expense	7,791.46
Salaries and Wages	11,183.35
Telephone	78.97
Traveling Expense	418.24
Total Disbursements	$45,906.33
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918	$3,442.71

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. KRUEGER,

Treasurer of Tabitha Home.

ATCHISON, KANSAS, NOV. 9TH, 1918.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

GENTLEMEN:

This is to certify that the books of Dr. J. F. Krueger, Treasurer of Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska, have been audited for the period from May 1, 1917, to October 31, 1918, and have been found to be correct. The balance of cash on hand on October 31, 1918, is $3,442.71.

(Signed) WM. T. JOCHEMS.

Subscribed to and sworn to before me
this 8th day of November, 1918.
CHAS. F. HAASE,
(Seal) *Notary Public.*
My commission expires July 9, 1919.

It was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read by W. C. Shott as follows:

Report of the General Synod's Standing Committee on Ministerial Education

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would offer this brief report of their work during the year and a half since the last Convention of the General Synod:

At the Chicago Convention, in June of last year, this committee was constituted with the following membership: Revs. A. H. Smith, D.D., C. S. Bauslin, D.D., S. E. Greenawalt, D.D., C. B. Etter, D.D., H. K. Fenner, D.D., J. M. Rearick, A.M., and Messrs. E. J. Young, Geo. W. Herbster, W. C. Shott, and C. J. Bard. At the meeting of the committee held at Akron, Ohio, in the fall of 1917, the committee was re-organized by the re-election of Rev. A. H. Smith, D.D., Chairman, and Rev. Chas. S. Bauslin, D.D., Secretary. At this meeting an executive committee of four was appointed to act in the interim of the meetings of the general committee. The executive committee consists of the chairman, the secretary, Rev. C. B. Etter, D.D., and Bro. E. J. Young.

The work particularly committed to this committee is that of devising and putting in operation appropriate plans for bringing the call of the Christian ministry to the boys and young men of the Church, in order to secure more of our finest young manhood as candidates for the ministry. The need of this work no one will be disposed to question at the present

moment. Never has the situation been so critical as to the future supply of pastors for our congregations. Many of our pastors have gone into war service. The attendance of students in our Theological Seminaries has been cut in half. Most of the young men in our colleges, who had the ministry in view, are now with the colors and in service, while many others who might have gone to college to prepare for the Lord's service have been diverted by the call of their country. Their patriotic spirit is noble beyond question, but the Church suffers. In the very nature of the case, a very large per cent. of these will not return to the work of the pastorate or to their preparation. We need more men for the ranks of the ministry and we must promptly and energetically and prayerfully use every means possible in order to turn the thoughts and purposes of our younger boys to the call of the Church.

Your committee, with the urgent need ever before them, have been doing their utmost, but their progress is of necessity slow. In our report last year we outlined our plan for a literature with which to appeal to our youth and their parents in our churches. In addition to the leaflets reported last year as having been issued by us, we have published since then a revised edition of Dr. S. G. Dornblaser's valuable leaflet, "More Men for the Ministry", and a fine leaflet by Dr. Geo. W. Englar, "The Object of the Christian Ministry: You", intended especially for the newly confirmed. In addition to these, we have secured the right to use the splendid series of leaflets, the Mildred Welch series, published by the Presbyterian Church.

As a result of our appeals to pastors we have very greatly enlarged our mailing lists of boys and young men in the congregations of the General Synod, who might be interested in the ministry by our help. We have sent them leaflets from time to time, as well as letters, and we are seeing some of the good results already. We are constantly hearing of boys whose attention has been arrested and who are thinking of the call, and when the war is over, we are confident that an encouraging number may be brought into our schools of preparation. We have had other important plans under consideration which we had hoped to have acted upon before this Convention. However, unfortunately, the recent epidemic of influenza, along with the illness of our secretary, made it impossible to hold the meeting of the committee which we had planned for the latter part of October, and we are compelled, much to our regret, to come before you without our plans worked out and new developments outlined as we had hoped. The uncertainty as to the future under the merger also made it inadvisable for us to plan too largely.

We had planned to have our committee's work presented at all the district Synods this fall, but here again the epidemic has somewhat interfered with our plans. We used last year the full amount of the money allowance granted us for the year, but this year, we have not used the full amount.

Your committee have been working in complete harmony with the Board

of Education, and we wish to express our hearty appreciation of their co-operation. Especially, your chairman and the rest of the committee wish to say that a very large degree of the credit for what has been accomplished is due to our secretary, Dr. Chas. S. Bauslin, who has ever had the cause of the ministry upon his heart. He has planned and worked untiringly and with rare intelligence and spiritual grasp of the great need, and, wherever he has had the opportunity, he has presented our work most convincingly and effectively. He has done much to awaken the Church to the need of the hour.

And now we turn over the trust of this vital work, which you have entrusted to this committee, to the General Synod, and, through the General Synod, to the new United Lutheran Church in America. We wish to thank you for your prayers and the cordial co-operation and sympathy which you have given us in the development of our plans and efforts; and, whatever the new United Lutheran Church may make of this work, we commend it to your abiding interest and your prayers. May the whole Church be aroused to the need of men for the holy service of the ministry of Jesus Christ, that His Church may be built up and His kingdom advanced in the world. Pray the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR H. SMITH, *Chairman.*

It was adopted.

Report of the Common Service Committee

The Common Service Committee, through its chairman, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., reported as follows:

The Common Service Committee begs leave to report that it held no meetings separate from the Joint Committee, since the meeting of the General Synod at Chicago, no special business requiring it. The Joint Committee, however, held a number of meetings and its sub-committees also met frequently for the purpose of attending to numerous details incident to bringing out the "Common Service Book with Hymnal" and the several Orders. An "Army and Navy Service Book" has also been prepared by the committee, and published by the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare. Many thousand copies have been distributed.

The Common Service Book appeared in the note edition Oct. 30, 1917, and over fifty thousand copies have been sold to date. The book has received the highest commendation from competent critics in our own and in other churches. Text editions, both in large and small size, are completely in type and but for war conditions would be on the market now.

In view of the merger which is about to be consummated, the adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby assigns all its rights in the Common Service Book to The United Lutheran Church in America, and authorizes the same to publish the said Common Service Book with its own imprint; *provided,* however, that the General Council and the United Synod in the South take similar action.

In presenting this final report, the Common Service Committee takes the liberty to mention the fact that it came into existence by the appointment of your honorable body, in June, 1881, or thirty-seven years ago. However, its first meeting was not held until April, 1884, at which time Drs. Wenner, Wedekind, Conrad, Valentine and Wolf constituted the committee. Of these all have gone to their reward save Dr. Wenner, who is still a member of the committee and whose jubilee as pastor in this city has recently been celebrated.

As long ago as 1870, the venerable Dr. Bachman, of Charleston, urged the Southern General Synod to seek co-operation with other Lutheran bodies in publishing a common Book of Worship. The real unity which existed half a century ago has at length found its full and logical expression in The United Lutheran Church in America.

J. A. SINGMASTER, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Memorial of Alleghany Synod

Rev. Prof. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., read the report of the Committee on the Memorial of the Alleghany Synod as follows:

The following is the memorial:

The Alleghany Synod respectfully memorializes the General Synod, which is to convene in special session on the second Tuesday of November, 1918.

That in the adoption of the Constitution for the proposed United Lutheran Church in America we do so with the following reservations and recommendations:

1. In Article VIII, Section 1, we request striking out the word "Synod" from this section because it opens the way to centralization of power, which is inconsistent with the spirit of Lutheran Democracy and conflicts with the last clause of Article VIII, Section 6, of the proposed Constitution.

2. We recommend that the General Synod safeguard itself, its Synods and congregations, with reference to adiaphora, such as the regulation of the externals of worship, for example see Article VI, Sections 3 and 4.

3. That consummation of the proposed measure shall not carry with it the surrender of the property rights of the General Synod, its several dis-

trict Synods and congregations, without provision for the return of said property rights to the several congregations now constituting the General Synod, in case of subsequent separation, or the dissolution of The United Lutheran Church of America.

After careful and detailed consideration of this memorial and after a conference with the delegation of the Alleghany Synod to this Convention, your committee recommends the following statement of facts in the matter:

Item One. This item contemplates a change in the Constitution of the proposed United Lutheran Church in America. Such changes can only be made by amendment. Amendments should be proposed to The United Lutheran Church at its regular Convention (Article XV, Section 2). The proposal for amendment should come from the delegates of the Convention. Not the General Synod, but only the district Synods will be represented in the conventions of The United Lutheran Church (Article VII, Section 3, and Article III, Section 7, first sentence). The General Synod therefore cannot propose an amendment to the Constitution already adopted by the district Synods of The United Lutheran Church. Such proposal must come from the delegates of the district Synod itself.

Item Two. The General Synod, after its present Convention, will have no interests to safeguard with reference to the *adiaphora.* On the other hand the interests of the Synods and the congregations that are to constitute The United Lutheran Church in America seem to be sufficiently safeguarded by such provisions of the Constitution as Article III, Sections 3 and 6, and Article VIII, Section 4. But if not, it is entirely within the province of the delegates of any Synod to propose an amendment to the Constitution at the Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Item Three. The property rights of the General Synod as such are safeguarded by the continuation of the general body as provided by the Uniform Report of the Committee on Ways and Means, page 11, paragraph j. In case of dissolution of The United Lutheran Church in America along the present lines of division the General Synod, according to common legal principles, would be entitled to its equitable proportion of the joint assets. The property rights of the several district Synods and congregations now constituting the General Synod are not involved in the proposed merger, but remain where they have always been.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLMES DYSINGER,
H. L. YARGER,
S. E. GREENAWALT,
GEORGE E. NEFF,
ABDEL ROSS WENTZ.

The report was adopted.

The commission to the General Council reported that it had discharged its duty and that it was very cordially received.

Rev. J. F. Seibert, D.D., on behalf of himself and associates, presented to the General Synod a large silk service flag showing that 26,078 young men from our churches were in the service of the country. President W. A. Granville, Ph.D., LL.D., responded on behalf of the General Synod. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was then sung, and Rev. A. H. Spangler, D.D., offered prayer.

The following resolutions, presented by Rev. Andreas Bard, D.D., were adopted.

Our Country, Our Church and the War

The representatives of 300,000 General Synod churchmen, gathered in New York City for the prupose of effecting the organic union of one million American Lutherans, recognize in this significant movement an auspicious parallel to the dawn of a unified Americanism and of a new international order.

They recall with grateful hearts that the discovery of the land of freedom was almost coincident with Luther's great work for the spiritual emancipation of mankind.

They cherish the memory of the Muehlenbergs whose patriotic fervor forms a brilliant page of American history. They remember the host of loyal Lutherans who for almost three centuries have come to these shores in search of the larger life.

Since the founding on American soil of the first Lutheran Church in 1619 her members have staked their all upon the destiny of the American Republic. As tillers of the soil, voters at the polls, founders of families, builders of churches and soldiers under the Stars and Stripes their record presents an unbroken chain of genuine and unlimited devotion to the land of liberty.

And today, under the folds of our service flag whose multitudinous stars bear witness to the spirit of Lutheran boys, we vigorously reaffirm our unfaltering, whole-souled and unqualified support to the Government of the United States, its President and statesmen, its army and navy, its institutions of liberty, its principles of justice, its consistent defiance of an obsolete and arrogant autocracy and its lofty program for the reconstruction of the world.

We especially rejoice that the President of our country has humbly accepted the teachings of Christ and declared that "Christianity is the most vitalizing thing in the world". The continuous blessing of God is strikingly evident in the development of this nation, and as we are commemorating the hour of victory, we are doubly grateful that the destiny of the

United States is entrusted to Christian leadership. We whole-heartedly endorse the ringing declaration that our "cause being just and holy, the settlement must be of like motive and quality". The world and the Church of Christ are in need of lasting peace. Should we not offer thanks that he who speaks for the American people has looked deeply into the soul of these perplexing times recognized in them "the hand of God laid upon the nations" and warned us that men can hope for God's favor only as "they rise to the clear heights of His own justice and mercy"?

Such noble confessions have caused us to discern a star amid the encircling gloom. They have brought home the inspiring thought that even human selfishness and perversion have failed to retard the plans of God for the advancement of mankind and hastened in an unexpected, but striking way, the coming upon the earth of the kingdom of Christ.

Prayerfully considering these facts we cannot but emphasize the concurrence of two great movements. The nation by united and self-sacrificing effort has succeeded in making the world safe for Democracy, and a united Church, by a purpose no less sincere and determined, will make Democracy safe for Christianity.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREAS BARD, *Chairman.*

The Synod united in the Lord's Prayer and sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow".

Report of the Board of Education

In the absence, through illness, of the secretary, Rev. C. S. Bauslin, D.D., the report was submitted with explanations by Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., the treasurer.

Mr. President and Members of the Forty-eighth Convention of the General Synod.

BRETHREN:

Your Board of Education would herewith submit a brief statement of the educational work committed to its fostering care, as it has progressed during the eighteen months since our sixteenth biennial report was submitted at the Chicago Convention of this body. The board feels that there is special reason for gratitude to God for the splendid support which His people have rendered during this trying period to the cause of Christian education. In spite of manifold appeals of a patriotic and charitable character, the board is glad to be able to report that it not only enlarged its budget for the current biennium, but has been able to pay all of its beneficiary institutions *in full to November 1st.*

I. ORGANIZATION

The Chicago Convention of the General Synod named the following to constitute its Board of Education: Rev. Alonzo J. Turkle, D.D., Pittsburgh (N. S.), Pa.; Rev. Edward E. Blint, D.D., Leechburg, Pa.; Rev. Marion J. Kline, D.D., Altoona, Pa.; Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald, D.D., York, Pa.; Rev. Robert D. Clare, Johnstown, Pa.; Mr. William Pore, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Robbin B. Wolf, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Frederick W. Albrecht, Akron, Ohio, and Mr. Henry Denhart, Washington, Ill.

At the annual meeting held in Chicago, Ill., July 10, 1917, the following officers were elected:

President—Rev. Alonzo J. Turkle, D.D.

Vice-President—Rev. Marion J. Kline, D.D.

Recording Secretary—Rev. Edward E. Blint, D.D.

Treasurer—Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald, D.D.

General Secretary—Rev. Charles Stelling Bauslin, D.D.

II. OUR BENEFICIARY INSTITUTIONS

The reports of the six institutions aided by the board during the biennium follow herewith. They were prepared by the respective authorities. War conditions have prevented any communication with Breklum Seminary.

HARTWICK SEMINARY, NEW YORK

Founded 1797

REV. J. G. TRAVER, D.D., Principal

Hartwick Seminary had a prosperous year the first year of the biennium, filling all the available rooms for students. Additional improvements were made to the property; progress made in paying for same, and the Synod of New York, in addition to laying an apportionment of 15 cents per capita, is paying the interest on money borrowed. The attendance last year was 71. Thirty-one of the 50 male students declared their intention to study for the Lutheran ministry. The war has reduced the enrollment for the present year to 62, with 15 having the ministry in view. The annual aid, $2,500, granted by the Board of Education, is most helpful and deeply appreciated.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF GETTYSBURG, PA.

Founded 1832

WILLIAM ANTHONY GRANVILLE, PH.D., LL.D., President

During the past year the world war has brought about revolutionary changes in almost all departments of life. Nowhere, however, among the vital interests which lie at the very foundation of our national life, has the

war caused more radical transformations than in the educational realm. In particular is this true with respect to higher education, the work of our colleges. This report will deal chiefly with the various phases, caused by the war, through which our institution has passed during the past eventful year.

Even before we declared war on Germany a Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit had been established here by the War Department. As a consequence the majority of our students had a measure of military training when hostilities opened and about one hundred of our students at once entered Officers' Training Schools. The fact that most of these young men secured commissions accounts for the large number of Gettysburg officers in the service. As nearly as we have been able to determine the number, there are about 700 of our present and former students now enlisted in the armed forces of our country, or nearly 30 per cent. of the total number now living. This is a record of which every Gettysburg man and every Lutheran may be justly proud.

When college closed last spring we looked forward to the opening of this new college year with feelings mixed with some apprehension. That the very existence of our college educational system in this country was threatened by the war we all fully realized. And then, when the new draft law calling for the registration of all males between 18 and 45 was passed, it became a foregone conclusion that unless some radical measures were speedily adopted the colleges would practically be emptied of male students, and the same deplorable fate would befall our colleges which has almost spelled ruin to the higher educational institutions of both our allies and our enemies. To avert this catastrophy, and to increase and strengthen the officer personnel, the Students Army Training Corps (S. A. T. C.) plan was introduced in above five hundred of the leading colleges by the War Department, Pennsylvania College being granted a unit of the College Section of the S. A. T. C. Six U. S. army officers are here in charge of the military instruction, 1st Lieut. John E. Carney being the commanding officer. He has seen service abroad, having been in the fight when the Americans turned back the tide that was threatening to engulf Paris. He was gassed twice and wounded once.

As applied to a standard college, the S. A. T. C. plan is revolutionary, it is a war measure in every sense of the word. And so, our higher educational system of education, a system which was based on the experiences of educators for more than a thousand years, was, so to speak, changed over night. The government outlines the curriculum for the S. A. T. C. and the chief difference between it and our regular college curriculum consists in the absence of Greek and Latin in the former. As not all our students are in the S. A. T. C., as, for instance, the girls, boys who are under eighteen or are physically unfit, ministerial students, and others, we are giving the regular college courses as well as those required in the S. A. T. C. This means the running of two quite distinct college curriculums simul-

taneously, a very difficult undertaking. Thus, the S. A. T. C.'s are divided into three classes, the eighteen-year-olds, the nineteen-year-olds, and the twenty-year-olds and over, all under strict military discipline, while the non-S. A. T. C.'s are classed as freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, and are under the usual college discipline.

The number of new students enrolled last September was 300, double the largest class that we ever admitted before, and then we were obliged to turn away over 150 because of lack of facilities. Both the College and the Academy are filled to capacity, there being 450 students in the College and 71 in the Academy, or 521 in all, the largest attendance in the history of our institutions. As we had no college dining hall it became necessary to install kitchens and provide mess halls for the accommodation of more than 350, those of our students who are enlisted in the S. A. T. C. This need was met by fitting out the classrooms on the first floor of Stevens' Hall as kitchens and mess halls and by building a temporary mess hall annex 26 x 76 on the east side extending to Carlisle Street.

The Board of Education of the General Synod appropriated to Pennsylvania College $4,500 per year. The College budget for 1917-18 was $62,000.

Total enrollment, 1917-18, 393. Studying for the ministry, 83.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE AND HAMMA DIVINITY SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Founded 1845

REV. CHARLES G. HECKERT, D.D., President

In spite of the unrest caused by the great war, conditions in this institution have been fairly satisfactory. The enrollment for the past year was naturally lower than for a few years previous. It reached a grand total of 788. In the Hamma Divinity School there were 29 enrolled, 10 of whom were graduated the first of May and sent out to be ministers of the Gospel.

The work of the college was well done, although we missed the scores of brave lads who had gone into the service, and who were dropping out through the year for the purpose of helping to win the war. It is a pleasure to report the warm patriotic zeal of both student body and faculty. Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, who visited us in the spring, stated publicly in a great magazine article that he discovered as much real Americanism in Wittenberg College as he could possibly find in either Princeton or Yale. All connected with the institutions gave of their time, their means, and their enthusiastic moral support to every patriotic call of the nation.

More than 400 young men, students and alumni of Wittenberg, are in the army, navy or air service. Five of these young men have already made the supreme sacrifice. We honor and cherish their memory.

The year closed in splendid condition financially. Because of the generous response of the churches on this territory to the appeal for the Endowment Fund during the last four years, this institution closed the year with a neat balance in the treasury. This was rather unique in the experience of American Educational institutions.

The President reported to the Board in June gifts totaling nearly $80,000. In view of the multitude of calls upon all the people, this was considered a rather fine report.

The present year opened under most unusual conditions. The total enrollment at the present time exceeds that of last year by possibly twenty-five per cent. The Hamma Divinity School has held its own and the work in that institution is proceeding with the usual attention to every detail. A unit of the S. A. T. C., through the effort of the President, was established in the college. About 250 men are now enrolled in this Student Army Training Corps. Three officers have been sent here by the government and our Myers Hall has been transformed into a military barracks. This gives a military cast to the whole institution. We are watching with great interest the results of this governmental experiment. Wittenberg has won a host of friends for its prompt action in turning over practically its entire assets to the nation in this time of need.

Funds have been provided for the erection of a high grade Astronomical Building, and also for the installment of a ten-inch telescope. This building would have been erected this year had it not been for the war. The great need of the institution is for a great Gymnasium and Auditorium. Plans have been prepared for this building and it is entirely within the possibilities to hope for its erection within a reasonably short time. With the growth of the Church, Wittenberg College expects to take the commanding position in the central west to which she is entitled.

There are now 32 theological candidates in Hamma Divinity Hall and about 15 in the College department.

We greatly appreciate the annual allowance, $4,500, given to the current expense fund by the Board of Education. We pledge ourselves to the greatest possible endeavor for Christ and His Church.

SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY, SELINSGROVE, PA.

Founded 1858

REV. CHARLES T. AIKENS, D.D., President

The biennium through which we are now passing is marked by some very discouraging features, among which is the miserable war condition. But it has also been characterized by many splendid exhibitions of true patriotism and noble manhood. The last biennium recorded the largest enrollment of students in the history of Susquehanna University, up to the time of our last report; but we are now able to report a larger student body than was ever enrolled for the Fall Term of any previous year.

When the United States entered the war, 60 per cent. of the male students of Susquehanna University resolved to enlist and two United States Army Ambulance Service units went to various Cantonments and Officers' Training Camps, in preparation for active service. So that there are Susquehanna men in the aviation, artillery, infantry, naval and ambulance ser-

vice in France, Italy and Belgium. The French Cross of Honor has been conferred upon Susquehanna Section No. 574 and upon individual men in the various departments of service.

Susquehanna lost 91 boys by military enlistment, so that the prospects reported at the close of our last biennium were not realized. But we enjoyed a very excellent enrollment of a splendid class of good students last year, notwithstanding the war conditions. Forty-five were graduated last Commencement from our various departments, eight of whom were from the Theological Seminary and seventeen from the College.

In harmony with our statement of financial conditions in our report to the Chicago Convention, our Board of Directors made a decidedly progressive step by electing Rev. C. B. King, D.D., as Associate President and placed him in charge of the solicitation of $200,000 for the liquidation of indebtedness and the increase of endowment. We are pleased to announce that more than half of the amount has already been secured.

The family of a deceased member of our Board of Directors, Brother M. L. Hassinger, have announced their intention to erect a Hassinger Memorial after the war is over and financial conditions become settled.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Jubilee Memorial Endowment Fund of $25,000 which the Susquehanna Synod has undertaken, is about completed, which reflects splendid credit upon the Synodical Committee, of which our own Rev. A. E. Cooper is the chairman.

Since military training has assumed the place of greatest importance in our colleges, under the direction of the War Department, the number of candidates for the Gospel ministry has fallen off, so that instead of 24 in our Seminary and 39 in our College classes, as reported at the Chicago Convention, we now have 11 in the Seminary and 21 in the College classes. Of the 19 ministerial students who enlisted all but about 3 expect to return to complete their theological work at Susquehanna University.

Susquehanna now has 260 students enrolled, of which 150 are S. A. T. C. men, so that she has turned from a strictly classical to a veritable military college; with the tramp, tramp, tramp of soldiers, under strict military discipline, marching to drill, chapel, classes, review and mess every day. It is needless to say that our numerical and financial salvation, for this year, is the Students' Army Training Camp. This is only temporary, so that our Christian people dare not withhold their support from our educational work, as it is represented in our splendid and important Board of Education. The board gives Susquehanna University $4,500 per year.

CARTHAGE COLLEGE, CARTHAGE, ILLINOIS

Founded 1870

Rev. H. D. Hoover, D.D., President

Since the last meeting of the General Synod Carthage College has completed one very successful scholastic year and began another auspiciously.

The year of 1917-18 was remarkable for attendance. The enrollment was larger than any previous year in spite of the war, and the large enlistment of former students in military and naval service. During the year fifty per cent. of the instructors and a large majority of the men students enlisted in the army and navy. War work and courses were supported and maintained at and by the college during the year.

During the year the beautiful Denhart Hall was built. It is a model of beauty, utility and economy. It is a large stone and brick building 88 by 145 feet. There are four stories. It is equipped completely and adequately for its service. It will house about 140 students in well-furnished rooms, each having cold and hot water service with lavatory.

The general rooms for library, reception, parlor, dining, recreation, etc., are wisely arranged, of great capacity, and beautifully furnished. The architect was Mr. George Baum, of Philadelphia, Pa. While the building and furnishings are worth fully one hundred and forty thousand dollars they cost less than one hundred thousand.

The building was dedicated Sept. 19, 1918. The addresses on this occasion were delivered by Rev. Dr. Ezra Keller, of Hillsboro, and Hon. A. W. O'Harra, of Carthage. The formal act of dedication was performed by the President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Charles H. Boyer, of Chicago.

The Building Committee consisted of Messrs. H. D. Hoover, Henry Denhart, C. J. Driever, W. K. Hill, D. E. Mack, and Dean Letta Simmons.

During the past year the college installed the vacuum steam heating system at a cost of over seven thousand dollars. This is quite an improvement in service over the gravity system.

In March, 1918, the old Burback building in Carthage was razed. This building was the cradle of the college, and where its sessions were held 1870 to '71.

The college became a member of the American University Union in Europe.

A vigorous publicity campaign was conducted during the summer of 1918. The immediate territory was covered by Hon. D. E. Mack, C. J. O'Harra, Esq., and State Representative E. O. Reaugh in co-operation with the college president in a speaking campaign. The canvass was subsequently conducted by Rev. C. A. Sundberg and Prof. A. H. Arbaugh. The various members of the Board of Trustees ably assisted in campaigning the more distant parts of the territory.

The result of this publicity work, aside from the S. A. T. C. movement, was a goodly enrollment of students.

The Student Army Training Corps unit at Carthage College has enlarged the duties and services of the college. After a preliminary period of readjustments the college ideals and standards were declared authoritatively supreme, and are maintained in the academic and military operations.

Adequate provision has been made for the proper operation of the S. A. T. C. A fine large barracks has been erected. A roomy mess hall has been

provided in North Hall. Other additions and changes have been made to properly house and feed these cadets.

The courses and instruction force have been changed and augmented to fulfill the aims of the S. A. T. C. movement. By Nov. 1 the college had properly adjusted itself to the situation, and brought order and system into operation to an extent which called out the commendation of the military district's various inspectors.

Some significant changes are coming into the American educational system, institutions and activities. It will be well for the Church to strengthen her colleges in preparation for the period following the war.

Carthage College acknowledges with sincere gratitude the essential help of the Board of Education ($5,000.00 per year) and the priceless value of the services rendered by this board and its General Secretary.

Carthage College respectfully and humbly calls attention to the progress she has made in recent years in equipment, enrollment of students, teaching force and scholastic standing and service. She earnestly prays for the continued help of the Church that she may grow and serve on unhindered, to the glory of God, the growth of the Church, and the education of her youth and future leaders.

MIDLAND COLLEGE, ATCHISON, KANSAS

Founded 1887

Rev. Rufus B. Peery, Ph.D., President

Midland College would report continued and gratifying progress since the last meeting of the General Synod. While the great world-war has much disturbed things, and knocked some of our conventions and customs to atoms, it has on the whole done us good. If it caused a decline in attendance during the year 1917-1918, it has brought about a great increase in attendance and a quickened interest in 1918-1919.

Midland is one of the few private colleges in Kansas that could get together one hundred young men of college grade for the Students' Army Training Corps this year. While most of our sister colleges in this state had to content themselves with a unit in connection with some other college, Midland has a unit of her own, with over one hundred men in it.

Attendance in other departments has also increased noticeably. Our Girls' Dormitory is full to overflowing; and some girls and many boys have had to seek rooms in the city. In spite of the distractions and excitement incident to the inauguration of the S. A. T. C., the new session has started out very auspiciously.

Midland now has a good property, easily worth over two hundred thousand dollars. In addition to a good administration building, we have dormitories for both girls and boys, thoroughly modern in their appointments;

a splendid library building, housing twelve thousand well-chosen volumes, and one of the best gymnasiums to be found in the whole country, with shower baths and fine swimming pool. Our campus includes twenty-seven acres, with beautiful lawns, and magnificent shades.

The military inspectors have given us A No. 1 rating, saying they find everything in fine condition here for housing and caring for a good unit of the S. A. T. C. We needed to make little change in buildings, in order to house a unit of 110 in one barracks, and feed them in one mess hall. Some of our classrooms are overcrowded, however, and we ought to have larger.

Midland has the beginning of an endowment, provided by our Western Lutherans out of their very modest properties, amounting now to $90,000. This should be increased at once to five times that amount. Christian stewards cannot find a worthier or more fruitful place in which to invest some of the Lord's money than in the Midland Endowment. Men may come, and men may go, but an institution like this goes on forever.

There is no more fruitful or promising field for a college within the bounds of The United Lutheran Church in America than right here in the heart of this great Middle West. In Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa our Lutheran people are settled by hundreds of thousands; they are rapidly coming now to speak the English language, and demand an education for their children in that tongue; and while their properties are yet small for the most part, they are a thrifty people, who will be able to do much for the college in the future. This is a field that ought to be thoroughly cultivated for the Church.

An unusually large per cent. of Midland graduates has gone into the Christian ministry—larger, I think, than that of any other American Lutheran college. Take Midland men out of the English-speaking Synods of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and the Rocky Mountains, and you would cut them in half. The German Nebraska Synod is also composed largely of men who have spent more or less time in our college or seminary, or both.

Midland has rendered the Church a good service in the past, and confidently expects to render her a better one in the future.

The Board of Education gives Midland College $13,000.00 annually.

SOME FINANCIAL MATTERS OF RECORD

By reference to our report submitted in 1915 it will be noted that the board is responsible for the amount of $7,765.09 to the Western Seminary of Midland College for endowment. This amount was reduced, as reported at the Chicago Convention, by $2,000.00, leaving the balance due that institution from your board, or its successor, $5,765.09.

Another financial matter of importance and gratification to the General Synod is the note of $25,000.00 given to Carthage College, May 1, 1908, in its critical endowment campaign of 1907-1908, by action taken at Sunbury,

Pennsylvania. This note has been carrying five per cent. interest and gradually reduced out of the proceeds of the General Synod treasury and is now paid in full and the cancelled note returned to the Treasurer of the General Synod. While this action of the General Synod was unprecedented yet it does not seem to be too strong a statement to say that it was the turning point in the life of Carthage College making possible the present greatly increased financial and physical equipment of that institution. Interest paid on above note amounted to $10,022.01.

The gross receipts of the board since its establishment, in 1885, have been $794,638.98. Of this sum the Synods have given, through the apportionment, $603,095.40.

CONCLUSION

In concluding our report to this, the last Convention of the General Synod, we recommend that any matters pending at this time, by reason of former recommendations and actions of our board, be delegated to the Board of Education of The United Lutheran Church in America with the urgent suggestion that they be carried on to a large and blessed conclusion. With the above brief resume of the work of the past eighteen months, we commit to your hands the trust which this board has sustained since its organization by your general body in 1885.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES S. BAUSLIN, *General Secretary.*

REPORT OF FREDERICK G. GOTWALD, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, MAY 1, 1917, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1918

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, convened at New York City, November 12-14, 1918:

RECEIPTS

Received from Synods on apportionment	$67,194.20	
Received from Treasurer of General Synod:		
For Carthage College note, principal	15,000.00	
For Carthage College note, interest	1,541.66	
Received from Special Gifts, Wittenberg Endowment	720.00	
Received from Sprick Bequest, Midland College	1,956.70	
Received from Special Gift, Midland College	25.00	
Received from Rentals, St. Louis property	28.53	
Received from Sale of St. Louis property	3,267.34	
Received from miscellaneous sources	81.32	
Total receipts		$89,814.75
Balance on hand end of last biennium		3,904.28
Grand total receipts		$93,719.03

DISBURSEMENTS, MAY 1, 1917, TO NOV. 1, 1918

To Midland College, budget		$19,499.99
To special gift, W. C. Seidel, D.D.		25.00
To Sprick bequest		1,956.70
To interest on gymnasium debt		1,000.00
To insurance premium		146.53
To Carthage College, budget		7,499.88
To payment of principal of General Synod note		15,000.00
To interest on same		1,541.66
To special on Field Secretary's salary		750.00
To Wittenberg College, budget		6,750.00
To special for endowment		635.00
To Pennsylvania College, budget		6,750.00
To Susquehanna University, budget		6,750.00
To Hartwick Seminary, budget		3,749.61
To Council of Church Boards of Education		629.00
To Annuities		526.62
To payment of Loan		6,338.00
To interest on Loan		415.39
To Christmas services, envelopes and expenses, 2 years.		2,747.91
To Board Members' expenses and travel		704.83
To Treasurer's salary, eighteen months		450.00
To General Secretary's salary, eighteen months		3,750.00
To expenses, eighteen months—		
Office and travel	$3,225.21	
Printing	982.13	
Miscellaneous	327.19	
		4,534.53
Total disbursements		$92,150.65
Balance on hand		$1,568.38

REPORT OF AUDITORS

Your committee, appointed to audit the accounts of Frederick G. Gotwald, treasurer of the Board of Education, for the eighteen months from May 1, 1917, to November 1, 1918, hereby certify that they have examined the books, receipts, vouchers and pass-books of the said treasurer and find the same to be correct, the balance on hand at this date being $1,568.38.

GEORGE L. SPRENKEL,
WILBUR C. BEITZEL,
Auditors.

York, Pa., November 1, 1918.

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS, 1885-1918

BIENNIUM.	RATE OF APPORTIONMENT.	Receipts from Synods	Gain per Biennium.	Total Receipts excluding Balances.
1st—1885-1887	None	Nothing	None	Nothing
2d—1887-1889	$5000.00 asked	$2968.11	$2968.11	$6409.96
3d—1889-1891	1st yr. $2500.00 asked.. 2d yr. $10,000.00 apportion	1st yr., 2084.86 2d yr., 6709.54 Total $8793.80	5825.69	10140.41
4th—1891-1893	$20,000.00 apportioned or 6 cents per member	11866.66	3072.86	14181.33
5th—1893-1895	1st yr., 6.25 cents..... 2d yr., 9.2 cents.....	11950.49	83.83	15288.07
6th—1895-1897	1st yr., 9.2 cents..... 2d yr., 10 cents.....	16098.07	4147.58	19878.18
7th—1897-1899	10 cents	16878.66	780.59	21012.28
8th—1899-1901	1st yr., 10 cents..... 2d yr., 15 cents.....	22702.39	5823.73	27070.28
9th—1901-1903	1st yr., 15 cents..... 2d yr., 12 cents.....	26495.53	3793.14	41105.26
10th—1903-1905	12 cents	30684.68	4189.15	40635.81
11th—1905-1907	12 cents	41322.03	10637.35	54234.58
12th—1907-1909	20 cents	58438.93	17116.90	104866.77
13th—1909-1911	20 cents	63624.06	5185.00	88859.18
14th—1911-1913	20 cents	70382.14	6758.08	75656.62
15th—1913-1915	20 cents	77838.02	7462.02	89746.70
16th—1915-1917	20 cents	77228.66	.....	95738.80
17th { 1917-1918 May 1-1918, Nov. 1	20 cents..... 22 cents,	67194.20	.....	89814.75
Total	.....	$603095.40		$794638.98

The report was adopted.

The report on the Lutheran Brotherhood was read by Rev. S. S. Waltz, D.D., chairman of the Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood

The General Synod, at its Convention in Sunbury, in 1907, appointed a special committee, instructing it to proceed as rapidly as possible in the formation of a men's organization for the entire Church. Acting on this instruction the committee proceeded as best it could to the task assigned it. After nearly twelve years of service it presents herewith its sixth report to the final meeting of the General Synod. Immediately after its appointment a constitution was prepared and presented for adoption. With its approval

the Lutheran Brotherhood began its work in and for the Church. In the selection of a motto or a slogan for the movement, one defining its motive and spirit was sought. "Organization for Service", the one selected, has been and is the clearly defined mission of the Brotherhood. It came into existence in a time of great awakening among Christian men, calling them to greater activity and larger tasks than they had ever known before. Along with great commercial activity in which men were thinking in larger terms than ever before, came a vision of larger things in the Kingdom of God—larger things for the missionary and educational activities of the Church and larger things for the congregation and denomination with which they were connected. The Brotherhood and Laymen's Movement came into existence as signs of this spiritual awakening and as practical agencies through which men might accomplish these larger things. The intervening years and up to the present have been a signally marked epoch in the masculine activity of the Church. Many hundreds of congregations have felt the pulse beat of a new life. Mission boards and institutions of learning have been given the assurance that new and mightier forces were behind them for reserve and supply. To tabulate in figures, or tell in a report like this, the results of the larger giving, the rapidly developing intelligent interest and the marvelously increased activity of men in all lines of Christian activity would be impossible. In so far as the Brotherhood has been able to translate its motto, "Organization for Service" into practice, it has been an efficient factor in this development. It has never aimed to be anything other than a loyal agency in the Church, helping and inspiring men to do the work of the Church. Organization has had but a single purpose—not for organization's sake and not to accomplish its own designs, but only as a means of serving the Church most effectively. If the Brotherhood has helped the men of local congregations more heartily to support their pastors and councils; if it has contributed to the making of a more intelligent laity in the Church; if it has helped in any way to give men a broader outlook and a farther reaching vision of the possibilities of the Lutheran Church, then it has served the purpose for which it was formed and for which it exists. The only claim of approval and the only praise it covets of the General Synod today is that it has faithfully and efficiently served the Church.

The Lutheran Brotherhood, unlike many other denominational men's organizations, never has, and if true to its principles, never will seek an existence independent of synodical authority and control. It owes its origin to official synodical action. It recognizes itself as absolutely amenable to synodical authority. Your committee in its final report to the General Synod deals little with its past history and that only as an inspiration and prophecy of future activity. Standing as we do today in the dawn of a new era of opportunity and responsibility in the Church and the nation, we believe it is the forward rather than the backward look that ought to be set before Brotherhood men as the goal at which they should aim. We ask

the approval of the General Synod, not so much for what the organization has done, as that you will accept its service in the past as a pledge and token of what it can and will do in the future. Can it help to merge the men of The United Lutheran Church in America in a loyal fellowship for the accomplishment of the great world task that is before it? This is its mission. Can it help to give men an intelligent conception of their opportunities and their obligations in the congregations of which they are members? This is its mission. Can it help every missionary and benevolent board and every educational institution in the Church the better to do its work? This is its mission. Can it help the Lutheran Church in the oncoming era to do its full part in solving the great and perplexing problems of peace as nobly as its men in the ranks bore the brunt of battle? This is its mission. A united manhood in a United Church, throwing the full force of their consecrated strength, time and money, into the cause of Christ and humanity—this is the mission and ambition of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

The fifty biennial Convention, just held in this city, was the most significant, both in power and promise, in the history of the Brotherhood movement. In its personnel it represented a great company of men from different Synods and different sections with hearts set on a common purpose. The high order of talent shown in its addresses and discussions, along with the splendid spirit that pervaded all its sessions, made it at once an occasion of great educational and inspirational value. One of the most important actions of the Convention and one which promises much for the future of the men's movement was a unanimously adopted resolution asking the Executive Committee to take immediate steps towards putting a secretary in the field who shall devote his entire time to the development of Brotherhood work in the Church.

The following officers were elected for the coming biennium, namely:

President—John L. Zimmerman.
Vice-Presidents—E. Clarence Miller, Charles J. Driever, and Phillip Weltner.
Recording Secretary—J. W. Kahler.
Corresponding Secretary—Harry B. Gerhardt.
Treasurer—Harry T. Domer.

In presenting its final report to the General Synod your committee desires to give expressions of its gratitude to Almighty God for His blessing upon the movement; of sincere appreciation of the cordial support of the men of the Church, which has made the past achievements possible, and its earnest wish and expectation that the Brotherhood in The United Lutheran Church in America will be a far greater power for good than in its past history.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. WALTZ,
Chairman, Brotherhood Committee.

SYNODICAL ACTION

Resolved, by the General Synod, after ten years' experience and observation of the practical work of the Lutheran Brotherhood, and being convinced of its future possibilities for good, that we heartily commend it to The United Lutheran Church in America as an organization of great usefulness, advising that, through a committee appointed by that body, it may be made a part of its officially organized work.

The report was adopted.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., for the Committee on Fraternal Co-operation, read the following report:

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Co-operation

We are pleased to report that nothing of specific interest has been presented for the consideration of this committee since the last meeting of the General Synod. We are all familiar with current history. It is very gratifying to be able to report that the General Council, at its meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., on the 25th day of October, 1917, and the United Synod of the South, at its Convention on November 8th, 1918, both with much unanimity took favorable action on the adoption of a Constitution suitable as a basis for the union of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South into The United Lutheran Church in America. These three bodies are now meeting in this city to settle up their own affairs and to consummate the proposed merger, for which all who love the Lutheran Church should be devoutly thankful.

As bearing on the subject of Fraternal Co-operation, we would call attention to the organization of the National Lutheran Council, in Chicago, Ill., on the 6th of September, 1918, in which six representatives of the General Synod took part. The scope of the work of the council has been presented to this body in the report of the president. This committee on Fraternal Co-operation with other Lutheran bodies, we believe, has done much in the past to bring to a better understanding of each other, the various Lutheran bodies in our country, and we trust that the new body into which we shall soon enter will show the same spirit of willingness to co-operate with other Lutheran bodies in all practical work for the extension of our beloved Zion.

COMMITTEE.

It was adopted.

Mileage Committee

The Executive Committee was authorized to approve the report of the Mileage Committee when finished. Mr. C. H. Boyer was added to the Mileage Committee.

The Synod sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name". Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., offered prayer.

The General Synod adjourned.

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FOURTH SESSION

As arranged by the officers of The General Synod a special service was held in St. James' at 8 P. M. on November 13, 1918.

The service was presided over by President Tressler. Revs. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., and O. D. Baltzly, Ph.D., D.D., conducted the devotions.

The following former presidents of the General Synod, in the order of their service, made addresses, retrospective and prospective in character: Rev. Drs. J. A. Clutz, D. H. Bauslin, J. B. Reimensnyder, H. L. Yarger, and J. A. Singmaster.

Hon. J. L. Zimmerman, President of The Lutheran Brotherhood since its organization ten years ago, also spoke.

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FIFTH SESSION

NEW YORK, NOV. 14, 1918.

The fifth session of the General Synod opened at 9 A. M. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. U. S. G. Rupp, D.D.

The minutes of the third and fourth sessions of the General Synod were read and approved.

Amendment to the Constitution

The following proposed amendment was offered and adopted:

Whereas, The General Synod, at its adjourned Convention, held in New York, November 12-14, 1918, determined for good and sufficient reasons to continue its corporate existence; and,

Whereas, The basis of representation under the Constitution of the General Synod varies somewhat from that under the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America; and,

Whereas, It is highly desirable, for obvious reasons, that there shall be but one set of delegates; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby authorizes the submission to its district Synods of the following amendment to Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 2, of its Constitution, which reads:

Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod may send one delegate for every ten ministers it contains, and for a remaining major fraction of that number, of the rank of an ordained minister, and an equal number of laymen. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay delegate.

There shall be substituted the following:

Each Synod connected with the General Synod shall be entitled to representation at the conventions by one ordained minister and one layman for every ten pastoral charges, or major fraction thereof, on its roll; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate.

A telegram of greeting was received from the United Synod in the South.

Report of the Sunday School Committee

Rev. C. P. Wiles, D.D., chairman, read the report of the Sunday School Committee as follows:

It has not been possible to make much progress during the past year in the work of preparing common Sunday School literature, due primarily to the many duties and responsibilities incident to the celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation and to the preparation for the merging of the three Lutheran bodies. These matters so occupied the attention and energy of those charged with the preparation of the common Sunday School literature that it seemed not possible to get time for work or meetings. It also seemed more or less desirable that the actual constructive work should be taken charge of by the merged body.

At a meeting of the Editorial Committee appointed by the Joint Committee, and held in Baltimore, April 1, 1918, it was agreed and recommended to the Ways and Means Committee that

1. The common Sunday School system be that of The United Lutheran Church and be under its control.
2. The United Lutheran Church appoint a Sunday School Work Com-

mittee of thirteen at the first Convention in the fall of 1918. It is the sense of our committee that the nature and importance of the Sunday School work is such as to warrant this committee to be constituted a board on Sunday School work.

3. This committee develop a plan for all Sunday School literature, with due reference to joint work already accomplished, over which plan and work it shall have full initiative and editorial control, subject to the approval of The United Lutheran Church.

4. The system be inaugurated by the fall of 1921.

5. The appropriations for the work of the Sunday School Work Committee, the size and times for delivery of manuscripts, and other mechanical matters be determined jointly by the Sunday School Work Committee and the Publication Board.

6. The Sunday School Work Committee have advisory oversight over the Sunday Schools with reference to methods of progress, to library books to be recommended, to general Sunday School Conventions and Summer Schools and all festival programs. Jointly with the Common Service Book Committee it shall prepare hymnals for Sunday School use.

We would further recommend that as Sunday School work can suffer no interruption, that when the old Publication Boards cease to publish Sunday School literature The United Lutheran Church request the new Publication Board to continue to publish both the General Council and the General Synod series until the new Sunday School Board can prepare a new series.

We also recommend that the Church direct that all books and permanent Sunday School literature now in preparation on either side be carried through to completion by the new board.

We further recommend that the Sunday School Board have authority, in co-operation with the Publication Board, to publish such literature as is conducive to the work subject to the approval of the Sunday School Board and the Publication Board on matters of form, size, etc., of the publication.

We would also recommend that the Sunday School Board, when constituted, have general supervision of all literature, books and publications for use in our schools and be authorized to originate and supervise the preparation of the same and to consider such other matters pertaining to this department of Church work as shall be referred to it by The United Lutheran Church.

We would further recommend that such sums as may be mutually agreed on by the Sunday School Board and the Publication Board, be appropriated to the Sunday School Board for the payment of its editorial expenses, editors, writers, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. WILES.

The report was adopted.

Report of the Temperance Committee

Rev. E. C. Dunwiddie, chairman of the Committee on Temperance, read the following report:

NEW YORK, N. Y., NOVEMBER 14, 1918.

FATHERS AND BROTHERS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD:

The Permanent Committee on Temperance of the General Synod herewith submits its final report to the General Synod. Since the Chicago meeting the manufacture of distilled spirits from all food and feed stuffs has been prohibited by Congress, and the President empowered to stop that of malt and vinous liquors for which an order, as to malt liquors, has been issued, effective December 1st. There is now pending before Congress a food stimulation bill containing a war prohibition amendment and fully covering the period of demobilization, finally agreed to by both Houses except as to anti-rent profiteering provision applicable to the District of Columbia. If this is enacted into law, as may be during the next few days, it will doubtless cover the period between July 1st, 1919, when, under its compromise terms, it becomes effective, and the date upon which national constitutional prohibition will become operative.

The first session of the present Congress—the Senate on August 1, 1917, the House December 17, 1917—submitted, by the necessary two-thirds majority, the national constitutional prohibition amendment to the states for ratification, and already fourteen states have ratified. A careful survey of the entire field in all its aspects warrants the belief that this amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation and exportation of all intoxicating liquor as a beverage will be finally ratified at the first opportunity by more than the required thirty-six (36) states. At this time we feel warranted in claiming at least from forty-two to forty-four states for ratification and a real possibility of carrying forty-seven out of the forty-eight states in the Union within the next ten weeks.

For this and all the great victories over the organized and nefarious liquor traffic we give devout thanks to the great Head of the Church, Who has beyond question providentially led and helped us in the great contest. Our Church of the General Synod has ever been found on the right side, and by her ministers and laymen has actively and practically assisted in achieving this most significant victory of moral reform of all time.

A great work lies before the people of the country in encouraging officials in the proper enforcement of the law and in developing and maintaining a public sentiment among our own people and the community at large which will co-operate in making the law as effective and helpful as it is designed to be. Besides this we should be interested and also participants in the effort to extend the blessings of temperance and abstinence throughout the world.

We append hereto the report of the General Secretary and submit also his detailed financial statement of receipts and disbursements.

We recommend that the General Synod ask The United Lutheran Church of America at its initial Convention to provide for a standing Committee on Temperance or Board of Temperance and Social Service.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

EDWIN C. DINWIDDIE, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Report of the Deaconess Board

The report of the Deaconess Board was presented by Rev. Chas. E. Hay, D.D., pastor of the home:

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 13, 1918.

To the President and Members of the General Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The Deaconess Board respectfully presents the following brief summary of the work committed to its care since the last Convention of the General Synod.

ORGANIZATION

The Deaconess Board, as constituted in June, 1917, consisted of the following persons:

Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D., Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, D.D., Rev. U. S. G. Rupp, D.D., Rev. John C. Bowers, D.D., Rev. C. F. Steck, D.D., Rev. G. Albert Getty, D.D., Rev. J. H. Meyer, Mr. Frederick P. Stieff, Hon. George Warfield, Charles E. Sadtler, M.D., Mr. Frederick H. Wefer, Hon. John Hubner, Harry T. Domer, Esq., Frederick J. Singley, Esq., Mr. Enos Gerberich.

The first meeting was held at the Lutheran Publication House, on July 3, 1917, when the following were elected as officers:

President—Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D.
Vice-President—Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D.
Secretary—Rev. Chas. E. Hay, D.D.
Treasurer—Mr. Frederick P. Stieff.

DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK P. STIEFF

On June 5, 1908, a severe loss was sustained in the death of Mr. Frederick P. Stieff, who had long been a most efficient member of the board, and its Treasurer for twenty-three years. In all the perplexities incident to

the establishment of the deaconess work among us he had been a trusted counselor and a liberal supporter and his unfailing presence at the meetings of the board, even when in great physical weakness, was a constant inspiration.

COURSES OF TRAINING

The regular course of training for the deaconess calling and the special one-year course for Christian workers who may not desire to become deaconesses have been conducted without interruption. Dr. F. U. Gift has continued as the acting Superintendent of Instruction. The pastor has taught several hours weekly and regular instruction has also been given by Drs. Bowers, Manken, McDowell, the head sister, training sister, and Mrs. C. E. Hay. Special lectures or courses of lectures have been delivered by Drs. W. H. Dunbar, L. M. Zimmerman, F. P. Manhart, E. H. Delk, F. H. Knubel, L. B. Wolf, E. K. Bell, U. S. G. Rupp, C. F. Steck, L. Kuhlman, A. Pohlman, and several of the experienced sisters. Vocal lessons have been given weekly by Professor Judefind. Drs. Charles E. Sadtler, George Kemp and Henry C. Ohl have rendered valuable assistance in class room instruction, and Dr. Sadtler also in medical attendance at the Motherhouse. Dr. A. D. McConachie has given gratuitous treatment in affections of eye, ear and throat, and Dr. George Loeffler has been very generous in his terms for dental treatment. Dr. John B. Deaver has performed two surgical operations at the Lankenau Hospital, in Philadelphia, making no charge for his services.

Ten probationers spent several months in gaining practical experience in nursing at the Mary J. Drexel Home and Lankenau Hospital, in Philadelphia. Two of our sisters are taking special courses at that institution, one in nursing and the other in domestic economy.

The Industrial School and Christian Kindergarten have been liberally patronized and have afforded valuable experience to our probationers and students in the care and training of children.

CONSECRATION OF SISTERS

On October 25, 1917, four probationers, Sisters Bertha Clouser, Catherine King, Jennie Larmonth and Ruth Robeson, were formally consecrated as deaconesses, an appropriate sermon being preached on the occasion by Rev. G. Albert Getty, D.D.

NUMBER OF SISTERS

There are at present thirty-three deaconesses and twelve probationers in regular connection with the Motherhouse and three deaconesses upon leave of absence.

WORK OF THE SISTERS

Parish work has been done in eighteen congregations, as follows: Christ, St. John's and Church of the Atonement, in New York City; St. Matthews', Brooklyn; Jersey City, N. J.; Gloversville, N. Y.; St. Matthew's, Philadelphia, Pa.; Memorial, Harisburg, Pa.; St. Paul's, Union and Zion, York, Pa.; Middletown, Pa.; St. Luke's, Cumberland, Md.; Canton, Akron, and Cincinnati, Ohio; Logansport, Ind.; Grace, Chicago.

Service has been rendered in the position of housemother in the Manhattan Lutheran Hospital, in New York City, in the Lutheran Hospice for Girls, Baltimore, and in that of preceptress in the Girl's Department of Hartwick Seminary. Two deaconesses are laboring in Muhlenberg Mission in Africa.

Private nursing has been done in forty-nine families. The calls for this form of service have multiplied and it is occasion for sincere regret that we are able to respond to so few of them. There are many young women in the Church who might be very useful in this department of our work.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Since the last report seventeen special students have pursued our One Year Course for Christian Workers and we learn of excellent work being done in the home churches and in institutions by those who have taken this course in recent years.

DEACONESS CONFERENCE

The Thirteenth Conference of Lutheran Motherhouses in America was held in the Bethesda Deaconess Home at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 28 to 30, 1918. The meeting was a most interesting and profitable one. The number of sisters in connection with the nine motherhouses was reported as 364, laboring in twenty-five different forms of Christian service.

VISITING DAY

Our annual Visiting Day, in June, has become the fixed occasion for a grand rally of the Lutherans of Baltimore and neighboring territory. The attendance has been most gratifying and the financial results exceedingly helpful. The proceeds this year, amounting to $1,508.26, were divided between the efficient Lutheran Red Cross Branch of Baltimore, and the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

RED CROSS WORK

The General Synod churches of Baltimore have maintained a Lutheran branch organization in regular connection with the National Red Cross

Society. The Motherhouse is the center of this Lutheran branch, and our head sister is the chairman of the active Executive Committee, under whose supervision a large amount of knitting and sewing has been done at the Motherhouse and in the lecture rooms of the churches.

DONATIONS

A number of congregations have made generous contributions of fruits and vegetables, which have been very acceptable and have aided materially in meeting the increased expenses of the table.

Bequests have been received from the following estates: Mr. Charles M. Stieff, Baltimore, $1,000; Mrs. Henry Sprick, Fontanelle, Neb., $1,956.70; Mr. Frederick P. Stieff, Baltimore, $1,000; Miss Gladfelter, York, Pa., $50.

FINANCES

The current expenses of the board have all been promptly met.

The mortgage indebtedness, having by the end of June, 1918, been reduced from the $18,000 reported at the last Convention to $7,000, Mr. Henry Denhart offered to pay $5,000 of this amount if the remainder could be promptly raised. A few friends of the cause joined in contributing the additional $2,000, and the mortgage was canceled on October 18, 1918.

In the purchase of the two cottages adjoining the Motherhouse, in 1915, a note of the board was given for $5,000, bearing interest at 5%. Arrangements could not be made at this time for the payment of this note, but the board has on deposit for the purpose $5,000 in Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds. The institution is therefore free from debt and prepared for a vigorous prosecution of the work committed to it.

PREPARATION FOR THE MERGER

At the regular meeting of the board, on June 25, 1918, the following action was taken:

In view of the peculiar character of the deaconess work and the importance to the Church of its proper and adequate development in the future, be it

Resolved, That we hereby record our conviction that the Deaconess Board should continue to be in the future, as it has been in the past, a General Board of the Church, separate and autonomous, appointed by and responsible to The United Lutheran Church in America, directly reporting to it; and that we urge upon the Committee on Ways and Means representing the three general bodies, the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South, and if necessary upon The United Lutheran Church in America, that the Deaconess Board be thus constituted.

In view of the fact that the deaconess work aims to serve the entire Lutheran Church in America, we record our conviction that it should be supported by the Church at large, that is to say, that an adequate apportionment for its maintenance be laid upon the entire Church, as has been done heretofore in the General Synod.

As to the number and personnel of the Deaconess Board, we strongly recommend that the Deaconess Board shall hereafter consist of fifteen

members, who shall be elected from time to time by The United Lutheran Church in America at its regular biennial conventions in accordance with the following plan, to wit: At the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America one-third of the members of the Deaconess Board shall be elected to serve for two years; one-third to serve for a term of four years; and one-third to serve for a term of six years. Thereafter, at each biennial Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America one-third of the members of the board shall be elected to serve for a term of six years. At the first election it is recommended that at least two-thirds of the members of the new Deaconess Board be chosen from among those now serving as members of the board.

Desiring to carry out the instructions of the Committee on Ways and Means of the three general bodies, your board recognized the fact that there is no Deaconess Board in the other two bodies parallel with that of the General Synod. A cordial invitation was, however, extended to the Deaconess Committee of the General Council and the Deaconess Board of the United Synod of the South to meet a committee of our board for a full discussion of the situation and to make nominations for membership upon the Deaconess Board to be appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America. Drs. Dunbar, Delk, Getty and Hay and Mr. Singley were appointed as the committee of our board to attend such conference, and they were instructed to present for ratification of the conference the names of ten specified members of the present Deaconess Board. The conference thus arranged for was held at Philadelphia, on November 7th, our entire committee being present and the Deaconess Committee of the General Council being represented by Rev. J. F. Ohl, D.D., Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., Rev. Chas. L. Fry, D.D., and Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D. The meeting was entirely harmonious and cordial, the recommendations formally adopted by your board, as above reported, were unanimously endorsed, the nominations made by your board and five additional nominations made by representatives of the General Council present approved, and a committee of the conference appointed to present the action thus taken to The United Lutheran Church at the approaching Convention in New York.

The report of the Treasurer, properly audited, is hereto appended.

Respectfully presented for the Deaconess Board,

CHAS. E. HAY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report of FREDERICK J. SINGLEY, *Treasurer of the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse and Training School of the General Synod, April 30th, 1917, to October 21st, 1918.*

1917		
April 30th,	To Balance, as per report	$2,370.21
	RECEIPTS	
1918		
October 21st.	To cash, Alleghany Synod	$2,972.00
" "	To cash, California Synod	321.50

"	"	To cash, Central Illinois Synod	554.10
"	"	To cash, Central Pennsylvania Synod	1,477.00
"	"	To cash, East Ohio Synod	1,039.00
"	"	To cash, East Pennsylvania Synod	4,667.56
"	"	To cash, German Nebraska Synod	248.40
"	"	To cash, Iowa Synod	375.00
"	"	To cash, Kansas Synod	734.82
"	"	To cash, Maryland Synod	2,546.73
"	"	To cash, Miami Synod	1,200.00
"	"	To cash, Nebraska Synod	349.00
"	"	To cash, New York Synod	1,900.00
"	"	To cash, Northern Illinois Synod	1,414.92
"	"	To cash, Northern Indiana Synod	968.00
"	"	To cash, Olive Branch Synod	930.58
"	"	To cash, Pittsburgh Synod	2,060.00
"	"	To cash, Rocky Mountain Synod	184.00
"	"	To cash, Susquehanna Synod	1,574.00
"	"	To cash, Southern Illinois Synod	131.15
"	"	To cash, West Pennsylvania Synod	3,396.00
"	"	To cash, Wartburg Synod	236.20
"	"	To cash, West Virginia Synod	435.00
"	"	To cash, Wittenberg Synod	2,046.00
"	"	To cash, Nursing	856.31
"	"	To cash, Discount on bills	150.38
"	"	To cash, Stations	5,140.66
"	"	To cash, General Fund	1,677.37
"	"	To cash, Kindergarten	323.26
"	"	To cash, House Furnishing Fund	45.00
"	"	To cash, Tuition	1,769.50
"	"	To cash, Endowment Fund—Interest	14.17
"	"	To cash, Rent received from 1901 Thomas Ave.	569.35
"	"	To cash, New Building Fund	3,430.34
Total			$48,107.51

DISBURSEMENTS

1918			
October	21st.	By cash, Household Expense	$4,000.00
"	"	By cash, Wearing Apparel	3,028.70
"	"	By cash, General Expense at the Home	6,433.18
"	"	By cash, Traveling Expense, Rev. Charles E. Hay	304.12
"	"	By cash, Traveling Expense to Synods	187.00
"	"	By cash, Traveling Expense—Sisters	394.49
"	"	By cash, Board Meeting Expense	150.22
"	"	By cash, Charles E. Hay—Salary	2,550.00
"	"	By cash, Foster U. Gift—Services	425.00
"	"	By cash, E. G. Oler—Labor	626.50
"	"	By cash, Engineer	966.50
"	"	By cash, Domestic Help	1,550.00
"	"	By cash, Training Fund	225.00
"	"	By cash, Incidental Fund	600.00
"	"	By cash, Interest	1,145.99
"	"	By cash, Sisters' Quarterly Allowance	3,392.54

"	"	By cash, Sisters' General Expense	814.26
"	"	By cash, Office Expenses—Charles E. Hay	392.91
"	"	By cash, House Furnishing Fund	45.00
"	"	By cash, Labor and Grounds	720.80
"	"	By cash, Book Fund—Library	431.92
"	"	By cash, Current Expenses—1901 Thomas Ave.	621.43
"	"	By cash, Current Expenses—1905 Thomas Ave.	22.00
"	"	By cash, Dishonored Check	10.00
			$29,037.56

October 21st.		By cash, New Building Fund	$5,000.00
"	"	By cash, New Building Fund	2,800.00
"	"	By cash, General Fund	6,200.00
"	"	By cash, National Exchange Bank—on deposit	4,158.44
"	"	By cash, Hopkins Place Savings Bank—New Building Fund on deposit	630.34
"	"	By cash, Hopkins Place Savings Bank—Endowment Fund on deposit	281.17
	Total		$48,107.51

NEW BUILDING FUND

1917

April 30th, To Balance, as per report $408.48

RECEIPTS

1918

October 21st.		To cash, from Donations, Subscriptions, etc.	$6,988.77
"	"	To cash, Interest on deposits	33.09
"	"	To cash, General Fund	5,000.00
	Total		$12,430.34

DISBURSEMENTS

1918

October 21st.		By cash, Hopkins Place Savings Bank on account Mortgage	$2,000.00
"	"	By cash, Hopkins Place Savings Bank on account Mortgage	5,000.00
"	"	By cash, Hopkins Place Savings Bank on account Mortgage	2,000.00
"	"	By cash, Hopkins Place Savings Bank in full of Mortgage	2,800.00
"	"	By cash, Hopkins Place Savings Bank—on deposit	630.34
	Total		$12,430.34

ENDOWMENT FUND

The amount of this account is $281.17, which consists of:

Balance, as per report	$267.00
Interest	14.17
Total	$281.17

This amount is in the Hopkins Place Savings Bank to the credit of the Lutheran Deaconess Endowment Fund.

Since the statement made by the late Frederick P. Stieff, as Treasurer, to the General Synod at its session in Chicago, Ill., in June, 1917, the entire balance of the mortgage debt has been paid and the mortgage to the Hopkins Place Savings Bank has been released of record.

The board will have in hand $5,000 of the Fourth Liberty Loan, which will be sufficient to pay off the two notes of $2,600 and $2,400, being the balance of the purchase money of 1901 and 1905 Thomas Avenue, the title of which is also in the board, all of the property of the board being thus free of encumbrance.

FREDERICK J. SINGLEY, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.
E. F. KIRWAN,
PEARRE E. CROWL,
Auditing Committee.

The report was adopted.

Report of the Statistical Secretary

The report of the Statistical Secretary, Rev. E. B. Burgess, D.D., was read by Rev. E. Luther Spaid:

Your officer submits herewith statistical tables showing the work of the General Synod for the year 1917. We have now a communicant membership of 261,073; a confirmed membership of 370,316; and a baptized membership of 483,899. Our church property is now valued at $27,636,517, on which rests an indebtedness of $2,858,784. The giving power of our churches has been steadily increasing for a number of years. Our benevolences show a healthy advance in every column; and our total contributions for the year have reached the splendid sum of $4,267,102.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIS B. BURGESS,
Statistical Secretary.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE GENERAL SYNOD FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.	District Synods.	Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subs. to Church Paper.	LOSSES			ACCESSIONS					MEMBERSHIP			FINANCES				SUNDAY SCHOOLS							
								Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses.	Unusual Local Expenses.	Number of Schools.	Standardized Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students.	Members Home Dept.	Members Cradle Roll.	Contrib. Support of School and Local Objects.	Contrib. Benevolence.
1	Alleghany	153	7	127	32	2292	1270	313	405	491	874	259	629	449	219	21448	25643	31438	$1730800	$170370	$130746	$93479	133	....	2331	22886	548	1570	2393	$23380	$9378
2	California	30	3	38	5	262	266	74	75	333	386	36	209	158	288	2885	5526	8380	741375	64309	38916	19531	29	....	347	2660	23	180	260	3132	1287
3	Central Illinois	31	....	40	3	225	308	76	84	190	141	103	123	144	57	3417	4946	6093	400200	26600	38003	14191	29	3	462	3706	18	165	441	3514	1392
4	Central Pennsylvania	93	9	91	23	967	913	196	240	212	341	79	280	210	66	9484	12598	17111	737075	15725	56406	32964	86	26	1520	12769	207	479	1178	15881	4408
5	East Ohio	72	....	37	12	750	890	158	214	252	420	224	404	372	120	9871	12909	15997	1100600	97237	85657	91844	72	3	1183	12127	63	500	1150	17382	4373
6	East Pennsylvania	150	27	251	38	3040	1299	580	673	1300	1768	594	1328	1142	947	32927	43307	54711	3755950	500490	287075	136730	156	49	3463	36707	481	4408	3031	44491	16083
7	German Nebraska	96	15	253	23	866	1018	205	109	36	806	35	553	90	145	5693	10741	17108	466340	20445	60982	43846	86	....	413	3896	15	40	83	1960	496
8	Iowa	31	4	26	9	333	.....	51	112	226	260	82	294	144	152	3423	5465	7049	529900	93942	43145	33930	28	....	426	3904	.....	.....	.....	3742	848
9	Kansas	46	2	44	10	344	508	66	109	189	257	130	204	201	157	4536	6362	7959	651650	44190	53727	38370	38	5	569	4271	84	143	414	5507	1391
10	Maryland	129	9	143	28	2741	1756	481	450	730	1665	151	1426	542	381	26150	36335	46633	3078300	269095	207220	81378	133	11	2940	28796	256	1190	3599	37471	14125
11	Miami	54	....	57	14	505	590	120	161	689	326	171	296	194	262	7597	10686	13858	865000	77504	79720	28258	53	3	1120	10253	117	529	1043	10249	3658
12	Nebraska	55	5	26	8	735	402	45	169	214	391	186	482	189	188	5659	8544	10840	692050	38444	74666	37711	53	....	703	5493	118	382	927	5035	1633
13	New York	156	27	143	35	2195	1028	560	329	2409	1556	351	1462	557	858	19339	36873	53104	3346050	414867	245192	85718	145	6	2428	21411	287	1233	2524	22883	6737
14	Northern Illinois	61	3	62	9	849	582	96	180	450	593	209	553	335	399	8606	12496	15337	973000	139225	82106	101732	60	5	1165	11578	159	433	1413	13814	4686
15	Northern Indiana	73	3	57	8	534	672	145	133	329	244	193	187	179	258	6439	9679	11498	775910	117263	60174	45606	69	9	952	9600	155	447	867	7873	1750
16	Olive Branch	48	3	34	9	327	436	125	120	218	205	81	205	120	96	5243	7342	7614	498080	35405	57538	46810	42	....	670	6046	98	616	811	8877	1824
17	Pittsburgh	125	10	154	28	1598	1505	299	520	665	1058	188	846	677	606	18994	26711	37043	1717477	322193	168505	73450	122	35	2087	19833	427	2189	3045	24818	7920
18	Rocky Mountain	22	4	14	2	108	124	18	36	99	95	13	75	83	92	1393	2139	2789	139895	29378	18078	5232	20	1	200	1416	34	145	198	1853	698
19	Southern Illinois	17	4	6	1	58	110	20	26	86	61	24	60	10	.....	1253	2172	2964	90600	180	10493	800	15	....	164	1497	2	42	99	1234	373
20	Susquehanna	81	5	105	20	1204	503	257	375	626	667	167	421	407	351	15712	20320	25930	1177050	89025	96647	78458	78	....	1668	17625	331	1378	1776	19728	4440
21	Wartburg	51	7	16	9	674	987	151	47	81	702	26	500	38	204	3494	10030	15257	499550	52495	48068	26876	47	....	373	4217	34	75	371	2636	704
22	West Pennsylvania	158	5	195	50	3686	1430	540	616	308	1208	253	1037	686	185	32242	38783	49638	2302388	97725	183599	88862	159	41	3537	37847	597	2215	3735	38549	16780
23	West Virginia	37	6	18	4	286	234	40	54	283	180	45	130	91	72	3192	4305	5697	349727	81889	26754	32953	33	....	429	3375	35	64	319	3663	717
24	Wittenberg	77	....	78	14	1123	1409	204	290	384	454	243	408	362	240	12076	16404	19851	1017550	60788	90482	47667	75	7	1299	13901	153	554	1344	13191	4887
25	Total for 1917	1846	158	2015	394	25702	18240	4820	5527	10800	14658	3843	12172	7380	6343	261073	370316	483899	27636517	2858784	2244499	1286396	1761	204	30449	295814	4242	18997	31021	330863	110588
26	Total for 1916	1849	181	1921	366	27652	16994	4576	5841	9185	14658	3597	12932	8372	5670	260720	366728	477434	26741603	2769502	2074801	1167855	1754	....	29887	296520	4313	18034	28805	304025	97773
27	Excess	....	....	94	28	.....	1246	244	.....	1615	.....	246	.....	.....	673	353	3588	6465	894914	89282	169698	118541	7	204	562	.....	....	963	2216	26838	12815
28	Deficit	3	23	.....	.....	1950	.....	.....	314	.....	.....	.....	760	992	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	706	71	.....	.....	.....	.....

Index Number.	Y, P. SOCIETIES				WOMAN'S MISS. SOC.					Brotherhoods		DUES		BENEVOLENCE													
	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contrib. Local Objects.	Contrib. Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to "Woman's Work".	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Work.	Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Inner Missions.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	73	3218	$1443	$1007	94	2607	266	1501	$6269	21	1298	$1433	$3657	$7200	$6429	$4836	$3713	$2557	$5376	.....	$1994	$3577	$1779	$1076	$1044	$12368	$57048	$281273
2	29	577	687	282	30	764	64	256	3718	6	82	166	449	1536	786	510	335	252	1359	34	177	15	148	78	84	2460	8391	66838
3	26	645	925	368	42	717	35	406	1816	9	274	215	317	1275	911	754	615	312	2095	74	297	1337	281	157	154	2763	11564	63758
4	59	2313	1151	355	64	1426	199	778	4785	11	428	647	1055	3233	2703	2123	1586	1707	2757	53	1361	2564	832	453	425	3289	24863	112346
5	39	1007	1123	316	55	1711	139	845	6088	16	905	662	2384	4046	6076	2426	2330	1772	4228	1588	1148	769	929	498	476	12304	42368	213385
6	181	6938	5212	3017	134	4500	316	2054	15134	53	2489	1904	2694	11070	11148	6724	4923	3913	10399	847	3675	5114	2451	1440	1565	27060	84920	518725
7	27	655	675	156	40	1040	1	20	3913	....	.....	353	884	1319	1833	575	421	4796	138	.....	723	94	143	38	3592	5733	21262	126091
8	21	659	974	209	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	184	673	1867	924	763	602	575	1583	.....	281	377	247	126	135	2657	10503	89319
9	35	933	940	179	43	773	70	499	2861	7	360	284	420	1884	1368	1053	840	822	2119	68	494	929	383	212	1315	2520	14715	106809
10	103	4617	3613	3744	116	3744	271	2257	11009	20	998	1883	2135	9495	9792	6514	4566	2675	9380	5841	2476	4458	2581	1350	1116	16572	80485	367865
11	46	1285	1454	507	53	1316	94	849	4308	24	894	507	505	2933	2197	1749	1236	1295	3887	300	737	932	610	337	367	4792	22382	130360
12	28	763	937	166	39	796	....	366	2838	4	126	343	848	2353	1595	2514	933	1215	1436	12	458	224	302	217	813	2668	15894	111747
13	172	5639	10138	1427	114	3185	196	1190	10257	42	1664	1137	3215	4988	4133	3178	2384	1903	3868	1370	1217	863	1030	545	653	8729	39237	370147
14	48	1497	2647	451	53	1286	124	769	5728	19	587	564	3778	3287	3870	1925	1697	411	4703	115	894	5272	752	386	386	17844	45844	229722
15	40	1067	967	264	38	887	89	501	3103	16	801	403	563	3636	1999	1481	1151	726	1374	81	581	544	516	291	300	2077	16041	120516
16	40	1040	2156	1059	46	1006	78	596	4001	16	464	364	696	2930	2595	1385	1112	939	2495	.....	1571	530	517	280	338	5071	21562	125910
17	115	3912	2239	1377	97	2976	218	2007	15581	39	1210	1214	1366	9571	6256	4187	3228	3294	7985	1900	1950	3727	1673	872	926	6460	54055	298163
18	12	276	267	84	16	199	10	117	1000	7	123	69	333	411	346	300	203	96	323	144	90	133	78	49	110	582	3267	26577
19	2	85	.....	.....	9	152	9	126	282	7	194	88	153	283	259	214	143	16	282	.....	94	127	65	46	56	286	2129	13974
MO	57	2672	1395	565	68	2238	206	1211	6869	31	1771	1059	1248	5650	5602	3735	2909	1838	4473	.....	2771	1976	1434	765	746	11882	46088	221193
21	26	828	1608	118	18	315	1	128	326	3	108	188	684	1198	892	333	447	446	150	411	216	448	172	21	844	1222	7817	82740
MT	150	8133	3097	3479	130	4501	300	1765	10060	19	1173	1573	2613	8594	8994	6474	4086	6757	7017	204	3115	6975	2045	1330	1327	25928	87580	347727
23	14	445	665	130	20	476	8	254	3500	5	194	208	434	989	787	606	494	222	775	.....	248	188	219	110	118	359	5709	66134
24	48	1745	1029	702	76	2002	103	1112	4742	21	1094	800	808	6274	6116	3057	2724	2296	4093	138	1250	908	1131	585	623	6030	37589	175783
25	1391	50949	45342	19962	1395	38617	2797	19607	128188	396	17237	16248	31910	96022	87611	57416	42678	40835	82295	13180	27818	42081	20318	11262	17513	181656	761213	4267102
26	1344	52206	48115	17901	1296	36064	2796	15521	114592	433	17970	16060	30200	92184	82091	55311	42058	35704	81719	.....	25861	36385	19890	10782	14527	147503	687634	3935604
27	47	.....	.....	2061	99	2553	1	4086	13596	....	.....	188	1710	3838	5520	2105	620	5131	576	13180	1957	5696	428	480	2986	34153	73579	331498
28	....	1257	2773	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	733	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ELLIS B. BURGESS, *Statistical Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

Rev. S. W. Herman, D.D., offered the following:

Moved that the members of the Ways and Means Committee be requested to change the proportion of representation of the clergy and of laity in the Board of Publication of the United Lutheran Church from seven of the clergy and fourteen of the laity to ten of the clergy and eleven of the laity.

The motion was adopted.

Rev. Roy M. Dunkleberger, missionary at Guntur, India, was introduced to the General Synod, and spoke of some aspects of work in India.

Dr. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, read the following letter:

44 Kelly Road, Vepery,
MADRAS, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

From

THE HONORARY SECRETARY,
All India Lutheran National Missionary Committee.

To

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA.

Fathers and Brethren:

On behalf of the Lutheran section of the National Missionary Society of India, I beg to send you on this memorable occasion of the birth of the United Luthern Church in America the most heartfelt greetings of the ——— India Lutherans. Our constituency is the whole Indian Lutheran community that the fruit of the labours of various Continental and American ——— Societies and our business is transacted by a committee of India representatives of the several Lutheran Missions in India. Our aim is to supplement the splendid labours of foreign missions by helping in the evangelization of needy fields in the vast continent of India. The All-India Lutheran National Missionary Society which has assumed the responsibilty for evangelizing the totally unoccupied Native State of Rewah of 13,000 square miles with 20,000,000 of Hindus and aboriginees represents the first movement toward union amongst the Lutherans of India.

Missionary work in a neglected field like Rewah is calling forth in a remarkable manner the enthusiasm and devotion of Lutheran Indian Christians throughout the country. While we are doing everything to

maintain the progress of the work in Rewah we as Lutherans are also very much concerned about the future of our Lutheran brethren connected with the old Gossner Mission in Chota-Nagpur who are 100,000 in number. In the crisis caused by the present war there is the danger of this large community in the Chota-Nagpur being lost to the Lutheran Church unless Lutherans all over ——— take the necessary steps for preventing it. It is our duty as Lutherans to assume definite responsibilities for the shepherding of this community and for the continuance of the missionary work in that region soon after the conclusion of the war. Though the war is in Non-Lutheran hands during the war we have to plan definitely from now to take over the work after the conclusion of war. It might be that other Continental missions also might need help. We believe the Lutheran Church has a great contribution to make in building up of the Church of Christ in India and so it is our duty to do all in our power to conserve the work of the old Gossner Mission and keep the community in Lutheran connection. On our part we in India will be ready to send worthy and suitable men from among us to Chota-Nagpur to occupy positions of leadership there. We are also prepared to contribute to the best of our ability to the support of the work. But in view of the large amount needed for maintaining the work we feel we should seek the help of our Lutheran Brethren in America. We present this need before the United Lutheran Church of America and earnestly appeal to you to lend us a helping hand in this important work that awaits us in ——— Chota-Nagpur soon after the conclusion of the war. We venture to believe that you will consider this opportunity to serve a large section of the Lutheran Church in India not only as a duty but also as a privilege.

In God's name we greet you and pray that the Lord bless the United Lutheran Church in America abundantly that it may be a great blessing to America as well as to the larger world and that it may be richly used for the extension of the Empire of Christ, our Common Lord and Master.

I remain, yours in the Lord,

(Signed) J. D. ASIRNADAM,

Honorary Secretary, All-India Lutheran National Missionary Committee.

Voted to send this letter to the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church with favorable recommendation.

Rev. J. E. Bittle, D.D., presented Rev. Fortunato Scarppitti, Superintendent of Italian work in the Pittsburgh Synod, who briefly explained the religious status of the Italians and the nature of work among them.

Mileage

Mr. L. R. Alden presented the report of the Committee on Mileage.

The total of claims for the traveling expenses of the delegates from the 24 Synods, as approved by the committee, was $10,897.98.

The recommendation that an order be drawn on the treasurer for that amount was adopted.

Report of Transportation Committee

Your Committee on Transportation reports that it was unable to secure any reduced rates to these sessions of the convention. Every effort was made, however, to save expense by directing the attention of all delegates to the necessity of traveling by the most direct routes and of clerical delegates to the necessity of using clerical tickets wherever possible.

The committee incurred expense to the amount of $1.35, for which an order is asked.

Respectfully submitted,
L. RUSSELL ALDEN, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Tabitha Home

The following, concerning Tabitha Home, was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Synod recommend to the constituent district Synods that they continue paying the same apportionment for the Tabitha Home at Lincoln, Nebraska, as they do now, until such time as its organic relations to The United Lutheran Church can be definitely determined and established.

2. That the Secretary be instructed to communicate this action specially to the presidents of all such district Synods.

Rev. A. J. Turkle, D.D., read the following letter from the secretary of the Board of Education:

NOVEMBER 11, 1918.

To the General Synod in Session,
St. James' Church, New York City.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

I am deprived of the privilege of attending both the last Convention of the General Synod and the merger assembly of the United Church, both of

which I have anticipated for months with much pleasure. My disappointment is very great. May I address you briefly, however, in this form.

There has been no little anxiety throughout the Church concerning the colleges in view of the well-known strain of the past year on higher education. Students were hurrying to war, members of faculties enlisting, great campaigns were sweeping the country month after month and apparently draining the sources from which the colleges had formerly drawn their support. Meanwhile costs were rising and incomes falling, and the climax of it all was the complete abandonment with which the institutions threw themselves into the war regardless of their own selfish interests. The questions have been forced upon us again and again—Will the colleges pull through? How long can they stand the pressure of the war? One year? Two years? I am most happy to say that the colleges have won in a most remarkable way. They have economized here and gained new support there; they have lived on less than income, not one of them is closed, all are efficiently doing the work of the Church and of the Country. The great mainstay of the colleges, however, has been a loyal Church constituency which has rallied round them with determination to carry them past the crisis.

Will you grant me the privilege of expressing my personal gratitude to the faithful pastors and consecrated laymen throughout the Church who have so splendidly responded to the appeals of our board as to make possible the foregoing statements.

There are three things, however, written in the record of the past year which enable us as friends of the colleges to thank God for and take courage. First, the nation has come to place a superlative estimate on higher education, and has come to realize that it can do no better than to utilize to the full the educational agencies already at hand, and in fact is now doing so. Second, the colleges have given unstintedly of their best in man power, research, enthusiasm and spiritual interpretation of the war to an extent which no man thought possible. The courage with which they have faced restless months and financial straits is very significant. They will, therefore, deserve of the future the best that the country can give, and the outlook for education after the war was never so bright. Third, by demonstrating a capacity to live within their income, to manage wisely the funds entrusted to them, securing a maximum of output on a minimum of expenditure, the colleges have commended themselves to the confidence of sound business men and the Church may invest its funds with the confidence that its trust will not be misplaced. These significant things in the reports of the colleges associated with the General Synod I wish you to note. All but one of our institutions have been commandeered by the government in the Student Army Training Corps program. This means something of an upheaval in our collegiate work and ideals. We are sure that the courses in our colleges are adequate to meet the new conditions, and we hope and pray that there may be at no time, as the result of the tem-

porary military regime, any signs of stampede in the sacrifice of cultural to vocational studies.

I earnestly pray that God may richly bless all of the proceedings of these two great gatherings, that the words of mouth and meditations of heart may be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES S. BAUSLIN.

Feghtly Home

Rev. C. J. Kieffer, D.D., presented the work of the Feghtly Luther Home. He offered the following, which was adopted and referred to The United Lutheran Church with approval:

We recommend Feghtly Lutheran Home to The United Lutheran Church in America for an apportionment of one cent per member, or if the work of this kind be all put in one fund, then an allowance equal to this amount be given to this work.

Board of Ministerial Relief

Rev. A. Pohlman, M.D., D.D., as secretary of the Pastors' Fund, presented the following, which was adopted:

The Pastors' Fund Society of the General Synod submits the following names as members of the Board of Ministerial Relief: Rev. M. Valentine, D.D., Rev. Edgar Grim Miller, D.D., Rev. A. Pohlman, D.D., Mr. G. P. Tustin and Mr. J. H. Brandt. This is the present constitution of our board.

REPORT OF TREASURER—PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY

GENERAL FUND

April 30, 1917. Balance on hand	$6,103.51
May 1, 1917, to Oct. 31, 1918. Receipts	48,676.24
	$54,779.75
May 1, 1917, to Oct. 31, 1918. Payments	45,012.66
Oct. 31, 1918. Balance on hand	$9,767.09

SECURITIES AT THE COLUMBIA AVENUE TRUST COMPANY

Judgment Note, G. J. Benner, April 13, 1910	$387.00
Demand Note, W. H. Gotwald, March 19, 1915	500.00

Title Papers, 1948 North 11th Street, Deed Recorded June 23, 1916, $3,500.00 (estimated)	3,800.00
Mortgage, Mehl & Wakefield Streets	4,300.00
$4,000 Bonds, Philadelphia Co. Con. & Coll. Tr. Gold 5's	4,000.00
$2,000 Bonds, Georgia Light, Power & Rwys. First 5's, 1941, 5 shs. Georgia Light, Power & Rwys	1,850.00

GEO. P. TUSTIN, *Treasurer.*

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

April 30, 1917. Balance on hand	$4,945.16
May 1, 1917, to Oct. 31, 1918. Receipts	23,263.33
	$28,206.49
May 1, 1917, to Oct. 31, 1918. Payments	18,901.24
Oct. 31, 1918. Balance on hand	$9,305.25

SECURITIES AT THE COLUMBIA AVENUE TRUST COMPANY

$6,000 Bonds Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville First & Genl. 5's, 1966	$5,610.00
$1,000 Bonds Pacific T. & T. Co. First Coll. Tr. S. F. 5's, 1937	1,000.00
$1,000 Bonds Des Moines City Rwy. Co. Genl. & Ref. 5's, 1936	950.00
$5,000 Bonds Central District Te. Co. First S. F. 5's, 1943	4,875.00
$1,000 Bonds Charleston Cons., Rwy., Gas & Elect. Co. Consolidated 5's, 1999	1,000.00
$1,000 Bonds Southern Rwy. Co., St. Louis Div., First 4's, 1951	1,000.00
$2,000 Bonds Tennessee Power Co. First 5's, 1962	1,600.00
$1,000 Bonds United Rwys. & Elect. Co. of Baltimore, Funding 5's, 1936	1,000.00
$7,000 Bonds Commonwealth Power Rwy. & Light Co., Convert 6's, 1918	7,128.75
$3,000 Bonds Georgia Light, Power & Rwys. First 5's, 1941; 8 shs. Georgia Light, Power & Rwys	2,795.00
$5,000 Bonds Second Liberty Loan	5,000.00
$5,000 Bonds Virginia Power Co. First & Coll. Tr. 5's, 1942; 15 shs. Virginia Power Co. Common	4,500.00
Mortgage, St. Petersburg, Florida	2,000.00
$5,000 Bonds Philadelphia Co. Cons. Mtge. & Coll. Tr. 5's	5,000.00

Certificate No. 1423, Sept. 20, 1912, for 10 shs. Emerson Brantingham Co. (Standard Trust Co., N. Y.)
(Sue Ramey Patton) $1,000 Bonds Howard Gas Coal Co.
Advanced $700.00, initial payment for 4th Liberty Loan.

GEO. P. TUSTIN, *Treasurer.*

Continuance of the General Synod

Continuance of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in The United States as an incorporated body and as a complete legal entity. It is understood and declared, and is hereby made a matter of official record, that after the merger shall have been consummated, not only will the General Synod continue its corporate

existence, but all of its boards, societies, etc., which are legal entities, shall likewise continue their existence for the purpose of receiving bequests and transacting such business as their respective interests may demand.

Report on District Synods

Your Committee on Minutes of District Synods begs to report that a careful reading of the printed minutes of the various district Synods of the General Synod reveals a striking unanimity and enthusiasm of action on two items in all of their several conventions last year, viz.: Their approval of the merger of the three general bodies into The United Lutheran Church in America and adoption of the Constitution to govern the same, and (2), The adoption of resolutions pledging the absolute loyalty of the Church to our country and its cause in a righteous and thoroughly justifiable war against the unholy and intolerable designs, policies and acts of Germany, which war is now, thank God, brought to a victorious end, satisfactory not only to us and our allies, but to the long misguided and misgoverned German people, and that our Lutheran Zion of the United States and Canada has faithfully made good these resolutions in action and service is evidenced by the more than two hundred and fifteen thousand stars in her service flag, 26,078 of which represent the General Synod, and by the prevalence of distinctively Lutheran names in every daily casualty list.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN E. BELL, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Rev. F. E. Jensen presented and explained the work being carried on among the Slavs and Hungarians in this country.

Deaconess Board

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That the Deaconess Board be authorized to make such amendments to its charter as will bring the Deaconess Board into the same relation to The United Lutheran Church in America that it now sustains to the General Synod.

Anna S. Kugler, M.D., Sc.D., for thirty-five years a missionary in Guntur, India, was introduced to the General Synod, and addressed it concerning the work in India.

Rev. Henry C. Roehner was appointed to report for the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer.*

Mr. Geo. H. Knollenberg, treasurer of the General Synod, submitted his report as follows:

Report of the Treasurer of General Synod

Mr. President and Brethren of the General Synod:

It is with a sense of sincere gratitude to a Divine Providence that it is again my privilege to place before you my stewardship as Treasurer of this body, with which I have been entrusted for the past sixteen years. It is even more gratifying because of the co-operation of the various treasurers of the district Synods and their respective constituency and my faithful assistant, Mr. Jesse A. Wiechman, has made possible the splendid report I have the pleasure to present.

George H. Knollenberg, *Treasurer, in account with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.*

RECEIPTS

1917			
June 15.	To balance as per last report		$16,852.29
July 26.	To refund of mileage from Central Penna Synod		6.00
1917			
Oct. 4.	To cash received from Alleghany Synod, W. B. Miller, Treasurer	$655.00	
1918			
Jan. 18.	To cash received from Alleghany Synod, W. B. Miller, Treasurer	375.00	
May 6.	To cash received from Alleghany Synod, W. B. Miller, Treasurer	800.00	
July 3.	To cash received from Alleghany Synod, W. B. Miller, Treasurer	250.00	
Aug. 24.	To cash received from Alleghany Synod, W. B. Miller, Treasurer	195.00	
Sept. 28.	To cash received from Alleghany Synod, W. B. Miller, Treasurer	405.00	
Nov. 8.	To cash received from Alleghany Synod, W. B. Miller, Treasurer	551.20	
			3,231.20
1917			
Oct. 6.	To cash received from Olive Branch Synod, B. C. Bowman, Treasurer	$215.00	
1918			
July 3.	To cash received from Olive Branch Synod, John B. Gardner, Treasurer	194.30	
Aug. 3.	To cash received from Olive Branch Synod, John B. Gardner, Treasurer	63.00	
Sept. 6.	To cash received from Olive Branch Synod, John B. Gardner, Treasurer	88.00	

Oct. 10.	To cash received from Olive Branch Synod, John B. Gardner, Treasurer.....	234.50	
Nov. 7.	To cash received from Olive Branch Synod, John F. Holoday, Treasurer.....	86.61	
			881.41
1917			
Nov. 15.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	$13.00	
1918			
Mar. 2.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	400.00	
Apr. 9.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	125.00	
May 6.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	140.00	
June 3.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	111.00	
July 10.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	83.00	
Aug. 7.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	200.00	
Sept. 12.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	226.00	
Oct. 10.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	800.00	
Nov. 4.	To cash received from West Pennsylvania Synod, Albert Bell, Treasurer.....	3,353.70	
			5,451.70
1917			
Sept. 25.	To cash received from Central Pennsylvania Synod, Wm. T. Horton, Treasurer.....	$169.00	
1918			
Apr. 13.	To cash received from Central Pennsylvania Synod, Wm. T. Horton, Treasurer.....	362.00	
Sept. 17.	To cash received from Central Pennsylvania Synod, Wm. T. Horton, Treasurer.....	400.00	
Sept. 23.	To cash received from Central Pennsylvania Synod, Wm. T. Horton, Treasurer.....	71.00	
Nov. 8.	To cash received from Central Pennsylvania Synod, Wm. T. Horton, Treasurer.....	340.09	
			1,342.09
1917			
Oct. 5.	To cash received from Northern Indiana Synod, Walter Binder, Treasurer.....	$275.00	
1918			
Aug. 12.	To cash received from Northern Indiana Synod, M. F. Adams, Treasurer.....	297.00	
Oct. 9.	To cash received from Northern Indiana Synod, M. F. Adams, Treasurer.....	340.00	
Oct. 28.	To cash received from Northern Indiana Synod, M. F. Adams, Treasurer.....	183.00	
			1,095.00
1917			
Aug. 27.	To cash received from Wittenberg Synod, John F. Kramer, Treasurer.....	$200.00	

Oct. 16.	To cash received from Wittenberg Synod, John F. Kramer, Treasurer	391.50	
1918			
Mar. 13.	To cash received from Wittenberg Synod, John F. Kramer, Treasurer	200.00	
May 10.	To cash received from Wittenberg Synod, John F. Kramer, Treasurer	300.00	
July 15.	To cash received from Wittenberg Synod, John F. Kramer, Treasurer	150.00	
Oct. 21.	To cash received from Wittenberg Synod, John F. Kramer, Treasurer	538.12	
Nov. 4.	To cash received from Wittenberg Synod, John F. Kramer, Treasurer	65.00	
			1,844.62
1917			
Sept. 11.	To cash received from Maryland Synod, L. Russell Alden, Treasurer	$954.82	
Oct. 16.	To cash received from Maryland Synod, L. Russell Alden, Treasurer	441.00	
1918			
Mar. 21.	To cash received from Maryland Synod, L. Russell Alden, Treasurer	1,136.75	
May 25.	To cash received from Maryland Synod, L. Russell Alden, Treasurer	239.54	
Aug. 19.	To cash received from Maryland Synod, L. Russell Alden, Treasurer	395.00	
Oct. 28.	To cash received from Maryland Synod, L. Russell Alden, Treasurer	1,113.49	
			4,280.60
1917			
Oct. 6.	To cash received from Nebraska Synod, Joseph Miller, Treasurer	$320.38	
1918			
Feb. 26.	To cash received from Nebraska Synod, Joseph Miller, Treasurer	52.00	
May 16.	To cash received from Nebraska Synod, Joseph Miller, Treasurer	79.00	
July 29.	To cash received from Nebraska Synod, Joseph Miller, Treasurer	204.00	
Oct. 5.	To cash received from Nebraska Synod, Joseph Miller, Treasurer	193.00	
			848.38
1918			
Apr. 6.	To cash received from Wartburg Synod, Wm. Rosenstengel, Treasurer	$91.85	
Aug. 24.	To cash received from Wartburg Synod, Wm. Rosenstengel, Treasurer	91.32	
Oct. 8.	To cash received from Wartburg Synod, Wm. Rosenstengel, Treasurer	418.73	
			601.90
1917			
July 26.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	$20.00	
Oct. 9.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	90.00	

1918			
Jan. 25.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	40.00	
Mar. 1.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	35.00	
Mar. 30.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	34.00	
May 1.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	46.00	
May 25.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	70.00	
Oct. 19.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	60.00	
Nov. 9.	To cash received from West Virginia Synod, John J. Brockhardt, Treasurer	126.00	
			521.00
1918			
Sept. 3.	To cash received from Miami Synod, J. W. Kayler, Treasurer	$1,000.00	
Oct. 26.	To cash received from Miami Synod, J. W. Kayler, Treasurer	293.90	
			1,293.90
1918			
May 10.	To cash received from California Synod, Oscar H. Gruver, Treasurer	$115.00	
Aug. 7.	To cash received from California Synod, Oscar H. Gruver, Treasurer	75.00	
Aug. 24.	To cash received from California Synod, Oscar H. Gruver, Treasurer	73.75	
Nov. 2.	To cash received from California Synod, Oscar H. Gruver, Treasurer	297.65	
			561.40
1918			
May 25.	To cash received from Iowa Synod, Lee D. Koser, Treasurer	$250.00	
Sept. 25.	To cash received from Iowa Synod, Lee D. Koser, Treasurer	150.00	
Oct. 10.	To cash received from Iowa Synod, Lee D. Koser, Treasurer	97.47	
Oct. 30.	To cash received from Iowa Synod, H. G. Vollmer, Treasurer	40.23	
			537.70
1917			
Oct. 4.	To cash received from Southern Illinois Synod, C. R. Walser, Treasurer	$21.06	
1918			
May 1.	To cash received from Southern Illinois Synod, C. R. Walser, Treasurer	38.00	
Oct. 2.	To cash received from Southern Illinois Synod, C. R. Walser, Treasurer	165.44	
			224.50
1917			
Oct. 4.	To cash received from Northern Illinois Synod, C. J. Driever, Treasurer	$500.00	

1918			
Aug. 1.	To cash received from Northern Illinois Synod, C. J. Driever, Treasurer	326.00	
Oct. 10.	To cash received from Northern Illinois Synod, C. J. Driever, Treasurer	507.80	
			1,333.80
1917			
Oct. 22.	To cash received from East Ohio Synod, W. C. Schott, Treasurer	$310.00	
1918			
Apr. 13.	To cash received from East Ohio Synod, W. C. Schott, Treasurer	300.00	
Oct. 22.	To cash received from East Ohio Synod, W. C. Schott, Treasurer	683.00	
			1,293.00
1918			
June 11.	To cash received from Pittsburgh Synod, Charles F. Stifel, Treasurer	$1,268.00	
Nov. 1.	To cash received from Pittsburgh Synod, Charles F. Stifel, Treasurer	642.79	
Nov. 14.	To cash received from Pittsburgh Synod, Charles F. Stifel, Treasurer	1,314.71	
			3,225.50
1917			
Sept. 26.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	$123.00	
Oct. 27.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	127.00	
Nov. 22.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	201.00	
Dec. 31.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	95.00	
1918			
Feb. 2.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	75.00	
Mar. 25.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	88.00	
Apr. 22.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	143.00	
May 6.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	239.00	
Aug. 24.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	206.00	
Sept. 29.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	133.00	
Oct. 30.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	285.00	
Nov. 15.	To cash received from Susquehanna Synod, E. C. Morgan, Treasurer	762.23	
			2,477.23
1917			
Oct. 23.	To cash received from Kansas Synod, Louis T. Bang, Treasurer	$100.00	
1918			
Apr. 27.	To cash received from Kansas Synod, Louis T. Bang, Treasurer	100.00	

Aug. 17.	To cash received from Kansas Synod, Louis T. Bang, Treasurer	100.00	
Oct. 10.	To cash received from Kansas Synod, Louis T. Bang, Treasurer	295.04	
Nov. 14.	To cash received from Kansas Synod, Louis T. Bang, Treasurer	142.56	
			737.60
1917			
Sept. 11.	To cash received from Rocky Mountain Synod, O. C. Samuels, Treasurer	$25.00	
1918			
May 25.	To cash received from Rocky Mountain Synod, George W. Reukel, Treasurer	24.00	
Sept. 20.	To cash received from Rocky Mountain Synod, George W. Reukel, Treasurer	43.00	
Oct. 28.	To cash received from Rocky Mountain Synod, N. W. Isenhort, Treasurer	50.00	
Nov. 12.	To cash received from Rocky Mountain Synod, N. W. Isenhort, Treasurer	32.19	
			174.19
1917			
Oct. 16.	To cash received from Central Illinois Synod, H. C. Sprick, Treasurer	$120.34	
1918			
May 6.	To cash received from Central Illinois Synod, H. C. Sprick, Treasurer	163.00	
May 25.	To cash received from Central Illinois Synod, H. C. Sprick, Treasurer	39.00	
July 10.	To cash received from Central Illinois Synod, H. C. Sprick, Treasurer	24.00	
Aug. 3.	To cash received from Central Illinois Synod, H. C. Sprick, Treasurer	20.00	
Sept. 3.	To cash received from Central Illinois Synod, H. C. Sprick, Treasurer	17.00	
Oct. 18.	To cash received from Central Illinois Synod, H. C. Sprick, Treasurer	62.10	
Nov. 14.	To cash received from Central Illinois Synod, H. C. Sprick, Treasurer	130.46	
			575.90
1918			
Feb. 2.	To cash received from East Pennsylvania Synod, L. F. Myers, Treasurer	$500.00	
Apr. 19.	To cash received from East Pennsylvania Synod, L. F. Myers, Treasurer	400.00	
May 16.	To cash received from East Pennsylvania Synod, L. F. Myers, Treasurer	761.39	
July 13.	To cash received from East Pennsylvania Synod, S. W. Herman, Treasurer	200.00	
Aug. 30.	To cash received from East Pennsylvania Synod, S. W. Herman, Treasurer	350.00	
Sept. 23.	To cash received from East Pennsylvania Synod, S. W. Herman, Treasurer	588.00	
Nov. 14.	To cash received from East Pennsylvania Synod, S. W. Herman, Treasurer	2,614.01	
			5,413.40

1918			
Mar. 8.	To cash received from New York Synod, J. G. Traver, Treasurer	$500.00	
May 6.	To cash received from New York Synod, J. G. Traver, Treasurer	500.00	
Aug. 3.	To cash received from New York Synod, J. G. Traver, Treasurer	200.00	
Sept. 6.	To cash received from New York Synod, J. G. Traver, Treasurer	100.00	
Oct. 14.	To cash received from New York Synod, I. W. Abbott, Treasurer	100.00	
Nov. 15.	To cash received from New York Synod, I. W. Abbott, Treasurer	1,782.70	
			3,182.70
1918			
May 1.	To cash received from German Nebraska Synod, Karl Klinger, Treasurer	$4.57	
Aug. 24.	To cash received from German Nebraska Synod, Karl Klinger, Treasurer	52.83	
Oct. 18.	To cash received from German Nebraska Synod, Karl Klinger, Treasurer	60.60	
Nov. 5.	To cash received from German Nebraska Synod, Karl Klinger, Treasurer	233.56	
Nov. 8.	To cash received from German Nebraska Synod, Karl Klinger, Treasurer	35.00	
Nov. 15.	To cash received from German Nebraska Synod, Karl Klinger, Treasurer	677.54	
			1,064.10
1918			
June 4.	To cash received from Lutheran Publication Society for Hymn Book Royalties		876.71
Nov. 9.	To cash received from Lutheran Publication Society for Hymn Book Royalties		460.08
	Total Receipts		$60,387.90

DISBURSEMENTS

1917		
June 15.	By cash paid A. H. Smith, Voucher No. 688	$15.10
June 15.	By cash paid G. M. Boyer, Voucher No. 688A	3.50
June 15.	By cash paid E. K. Bell, Voucher No. 690	6.00
June 19.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 691	25.00
June 19.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 692	50.00
June 19.	By cash paid Jeremiah Zimmerman, Voucher No. 693	17.50
June 23.	By cash paid L. H. Larimer, Voucher No. 700	15.30
June 23.	By cash paid J. Weidley, Voucher No. 702	5.00
June 25.	By cash paid A. E. Cooper, Voucher No. 703	20.65
June 25.	By cash paid A. E. Cooper, Voucher No. 704	20.00
June 25.	By cash paid David A. Davy, Voucher No. 705	25.00
June 26.	By cash paid A. H. Smith, Voucher No. 706	19.45
June 26.	By cash paid E. B. Burgess, Voucher No. 707	34.20
June 26.	By cash paid George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer, Mileage Chicago Convention, Voucher No. 708	7,544.28
June 26.	By cash paid C. H. Boyer, Voucher No. 709	14.35

June 26.	By cash paid George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer, Additional Mileage, Voucher No. 711	10.00
June 26.	By cash paid L. D. Reed, Voucher No. 712	25.00
June 26.	By cash paid Nellie Brown, Voucher No. 713	12.50
June 26.	By cash paid A. E. Cooper, Voucher No. 714	30.00
June 26.	By cash paid L. W. Sifferd, Voucher No. 715	10.00
June 26.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 710	17.50
July 9.	By cash paid F. G. Gotwald, Voucher No. 716	100.00
July 14.	By cash paid Lutheran Publication Society, Voucher No. 717	11.05
July 14.	By cash paid Wm. Freas, Treasurer, Voucher No. 718.	750.00
July 21.	By cash paid C. E. Gardner, Voucher, No. 719	22.63
July 21.	By cash paid D. H. Bauslin, Voucher No. 720	27.65
July 27.	By cash paid George H. Knollenberg, Treasurer, Voucher No. 721	25.00
July 27.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 722	100.00
July 28.	By cash paid G. A. Getty, Voucher No. 723	12.00
July 28.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 724	11.50
Aug. 11.	By cash paid Lutheran Publication Society, Voucher No. 725	42.83
Aug. 15.	By cash paid J. A. Clutz, Voucher No. 726	87.13
Aug. 15.	By cash paid Henry Anstadt, Treas., Voucher No. 727.	250.00
Sept. 10.	By cash paid Lutheran Publication Society, Voucher No. 728	58.30
Sept. 10.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 729	25.00
Sept. 10.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 730	9.23
Sept. 10.	By cash paid F. H. Knubel, Voucher No. 731	10.46
Sept. 13.	By cash paid Publishing House of United Evangelical Church, Voucher No. 732	36.30
Sept. 13.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 733	18.40
Sept. 22.	By cash paid F. G. Gotwald, Voucher No. 734	200.00
Oct. 10.	By cash paid Publishing House of United Evangelical Church, Voucher No. 736	13.16
Oct. 10.	By cash paid George B. Remensnyder, Voucher No. 737	8.41
Oct. 10.	By cash paid C. T. Aikens, Voucher No. 738	33.42
Oct. 10.	By cash paid H. W. A. Hanson, Voucher No. 739	8.00
Oct. 10.	By cash paid E. C. Gardner, Voucher No. 740	26.88
Oct. 10.	By cash paid R. D. Clare, Voucher No. 741	26.44
Oct. 10.	By cash paid C. S. Bauslin, Voucher No. 742	79.36
Oct. 10.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 743	36.20
Oct. 10.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 744	15.00
Oct. 30.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 745	36.25
Oct. 30.	By cash paid D. H. Bauslin, Voucher No. 746	29.85
Oct. 30.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 747	24.60
Oct. 30.	By cash paid C. F. Steck, Voucher No. 748	9.30
Oct. 30.	By cash paid Wm. Freas, Treas., Voucher No. 749	500.00
Nov. 10.	By cash paid E. K. Bell, Voucher No. 750	33.47
Nov. 10.	By cash paid F. G. Gotwald, Treas. Board of Education, Voucher No. 751	5,000.00
Nov. 10.	By cash paid F. G. Gotwald, Treas. Board of Education, Voucher No. 752	375.00
Nov. 10.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 753	36.00
Nov. 10.	By cash paid O. D. Baltzly, Voucher No. 754	63.75
Nov. 14.	By cash paid C. E. Gardner, Voucher No. 755	45.65
Nov. 14.	By cash paid J. G. Traver, Voucher No. 756	43.28

Nov. 16.	By cash paid J. A. Clutz, Voucher No. 757	60.50
Nov. 23.	By cash paid J. F. Krueger, Voucher No. 758	65.00
Nov. 23.	By cash paid H. L. Yarger, Voucher No. 759	61.91
Nov. 26.	By cash paid C. G. Heckert, Voucher No. 760	30.28
Nov. 26.	By cash paid J. E. Bittle, Voucher No. 761	42.00
Nov. 26.	By cash paid C. S. Bauslin, Voucher No. 762	16.25
Nov. 26.	By cash paid J. M. Rearick, Voucher No. 763	6.56
Nov. 26.	By cash paid W. C. Schott, Voucher No. 764	2.25
Nov. 26.	By cash paid A. H. Smith, Voucher No. 765	2.15
Nov. 27.	By cash paid Wm. Freas, Treas., Voucher No. 766	500.00
Dec. 3.	By cash paid John L. Zimmerman, Voucher No. 767	40.00
Dec. 3.	By cash paid C. F. Steck, Voucher No. 768	12.31
Dec. 10.	By cash paid Lutheran Publication Society, Voucher No. 769	1,563.28
Dec. 17.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 770	41.00
Dec. 22.	By cash paid W. A. Granville, Voucher No. 771	44.11
Dec. 22.	By cash paid Alfred R. Kimball, Treasurer, Voucher No. 772	361.00
Dec. 26.	By cash paid J. F. Seibert, Voucher No. 773	34.30
Dec. 26.	By cash paid Holmes Dysinger, Voucher No. 774	85.00
Dec. 29.	By cash paid Henry Anstadt, Treas., Voucher No. 775.	250.00
1918		
Jan. 5.	By cash paid Lutheran Publication Society, Voucher No. 776	210.19
Jan. 11.	By cash paid Charles S. Bauslin, Voucher No. 777	12.00
Jan. 11.	By cash paid A. H. Smith, Voucher No. 778	3.66
Jan. 11.	By cash paid Lutheran Publication Society, Voucher No. 779	4.82
Jan. 29.	By cash paid P. C. Strodach, Voucher No. 780	75.00
Jan. 29.	By cash paid J. F. Ohl, Voucher No. 781	75.00
Feb. 9.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 782	17.80
Feb. 9.	By cash paid C. F. Steck, Voucher No. 783	14.50
Feb. 13.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 784	10.00
Feb. 13.	By cash paid L. D. Reed, Voucher No. 785	32.83
Feb. 13.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 786	47.50
Feb. 20.	By cash paid J. E. Bittle, Voucher No. 787	20.00
Mar. 1.	By cash paid C. S. Bauslin, Voucher No. 788	32.50
Mar. 11.	By cash paid D. H. Bauslin, Voucher No. 789	29.15
Mar. 13.	By cash paid Wm. Freas, Treas., Voucher No. 790	400.00
Mar. 22.	By cash paid C. F. Steck, Voucher No. 791	33.50
Mar. 22.	By cash paid C. G. Heckert, Voucher No. 792	23.25
Mar. 25.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 793	30.05
Mar. 25.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 794	100.00
Apr. 8.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 795	19.00
Apr. 8.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 796	11.20
Apr. 11.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 797	36.80
Apr. 11.	By cash paid L. Russell Alden, Voucher No. 798	22.18
Apr. 15.	By cash paid B. F. Steiner, Voucher No. 799	23.78
Apr. 20.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 790A	14.30
Apr. 22.	By cash paid John L. Zimmerman, Voucher No. 791A.	85.00
Apr. 22.	By cash paid Publishing House of United Evangelical Church, Voucher No. 792A	198.15
May 4.	By cash paid The Telegraph Ptg. Company, Voucher No. 793A	5.86
May 4.	By cash paid *Lutheran Church Work and Observer*, Voucher No. 794A	35.00

May 4.	By cash paid H. H. Sweets, Voucher No. 795A.....	19.20
May 4.	By cash paid C. S. Bauslin, Voucher No. 796A.....	19.00
May 11.	By cash paid G. A. Getty, Voucher No. 797A.....	6.00
May 11.	By cash paid D. H. Bauslin, Voucher No. 798A.....	29.15
May 11.	By cash paid R. Morris Smith, Voucher No. 799A....	28.67
May 11.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 800.....	11.50
May 13.	By cash paid J. B. Remensnyder, Voucher No. 801...	3.85
May 17.	By cash paid L. D. Reed, Voucher No. 802.....	15.50
May 25.	By cash paid J. A. Clutz, Voucher No. 803.....	47.57
May 25.	By cash paid E. K. Bell, Voucher No. 804.....	4.05
May 27.	By cash paid J. E. Bittle, Voucher No. 805.....	22.14
June 10.	By cash paid Alfred R. Kimball, Treas., Voucher No. 806	371.00
June 10.	By cash paid C. E. Gardner, Voucher No. 807.....	24.06
June 12.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 808.....	11.50
June 12.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 809.....	15.00
June 21.	By cash paid F. G. Gotwald, Treas. Board of Education, Voucher No. 810.....	5,333.33
June 21.	By cash paid E. Clarence Miller, Voucher No. 811....	1,500.00
June 26.	By cash paid C. T. Aikens, Voucher No. 812.....	11.54
June 26.	By cash paid R. D. Clare, Voucher No. 813.....	4.75
July 16.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 814.....	24.00
July 16.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 815.....	25.70
July 18.	By cash paid A. H. Smith, Voucher No. 816.....	3.39
July 18.	By cash paid C. B. Etter, Voucher No. 817.....	1.08
July 18.	By cash paid Charles S. Bauslin, Voucher No. 818....	15.50
July 18.	By cash paid Publishing House of United Evangelical Church, Voucher No. 805x.....	55.43
July 18.	By cash paid C. S. Bauslin, Voucher No. 819.....	14.00
July 19.	By cash paid J. A. Clutz, Voucher No. 820.....	33.30
July 19.	By cash paid J. A. Clutz, Voucher No. 821.....	13.30
July 19.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 822.....	60.50
July 23.	By cash paid L. Russell Alden, Voucher No. 823.....	30.45
Aug. 18.	By cash paid J. Elmer Bittle, Voucher No. 824.....	32.15
Aug. 24.	By cash paid Lutheran Publication Society, Voucher No. 825	56.55
Aug. 24.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 826.....	4.70
Aug. 27.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 827.....	5.00
Aug. 27.	By cash paid C. G. Heckert, Voucher No. 828.....	22.66
Aug. 27.	By cash paid J. E. Bittle, Voucher No. 829.....	19.65
Aug. 30.	By cash paid C. S. Bauslin, Voucher No. 830.....	24.00
Sept. 2.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 831.....	33.46
Sept. 12.	By cash paid L. Russell Alden, Voucher No. 832.....	15.35
Sept. 16.	By cash paid John L. Zimmerman, Voucher No. 833..	117.64
Sept. 20.	By cash paid F. H. Knubel, Voucher No. 834.....	37.00
Sept. 25.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 835.....	32.40
Sept. 25.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 836.....	13.00
Oct. 5.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 837.....	18.40
Oct. 8.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 838.....	18.00
Oct. 9.	By cash paid Henry Anstadt, Treas., Voucher No. 839.	500.00
Oct. 12.	By cash paid J. E. Bittle, Voucher No. 840.....	27.24
Oct. 14.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 841.....	39.50
Oct. 14.	By cash paid J. A. Clutz, Voucher No. 842.....	23.66
Oct. 14.	By cash paid Frank F. Fry, Voucher No. 843.....	52.42
Oct. 14.	By cash paid W. C. D. Kiester, Voucher No. 844.....	57.27
Oct. 28.	By cash paid F. P. Manhart, Voucher No. 845.....	21.00

Oct. 28.	By cash paid J. Elmer Bittle, Voucher No. 846.....	24.20
Oct. 28.	By cash paid J. A. Singmaster, Voucher No. 847.....	12.00
Nov. 2.	By cash paid L. Russell Alden, Voucher No. 848.....	20.69
Nov. 2.	By cash paid V. G. A. Tressler, Voucher No. 849.....	46.85
Nov. 7.	By cash paid F. G. Gotwald, Treas. Board of Education, Voucher No. ——	5,083.33
	Total Disbursements	$35,115.33

Total Receipts	$60,387.90
Total Disbursements	35,115.33
Balance on hand.....	$25,272.57

DISTRICT SYNODS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD

Names of Synods.	Apportionment for 1917.	Apportionment for 1918.	Total Apportionment.	Amount Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.
Central Pennsylvania..	$643.00	$963.10	$1,606.10	$1,606.10	.....	.....
East Ohio.....	635.00	964.30	1,599.30	1,836.50	$237.20	.....
Northern Illinois.....	515.00	818.80	1,333.80	1,333.80	.....	.....
Southern Illinois.....	90.00	134.50	224.50	224.50	.....	.....
Iowa	215.00	322.70	537.70	537.70	.....	.....
California	214.00	347.40	561.40	561.40	.....	.....
Olive Branch.....	373.00	529.70	902.70	902.70	.....	.....
West Pennsylvania....	2,237.00	3,214.70	5,451.70	5,451.70	.....	.....
Alleghany	1,450.00	2,150.20	3,600.20	3,600.20	.....	.....
Miami	529.00	764.90	1,293.90	1,293.90	.....	.....
Maryland	1,714.00	2,576.60	4,290.60	4,290.60	.....	.....
West Virginia.....	215.00	310.00	525.00	525.00	.....	.....
Wittenberg	788.00	1,176.00	1,964.00	1,966.67	2.67	.....
Nebraska	312.00	535.60	847.60	848.38	.78	.....
Northern Indiana.....	430.00	649.60	1,079.60	1,095.00	15.50	.....
Wartburg	224.00	377.90	601.90	601.90	.....	.....
German Nebraska.....	456.00	608.10	1,064.10	1,064.10	.....	.....
New York.....	1,327.00	1,855.70	3,182.70	3,182.70	.....	.....
East Pennsylvania.....	2,104.00	3,309.40	5,413.40	5,413.40	.....	.....
Kansas	297.00	440.60	737.60	737.60	.....	.....
Susquehanna	1,049.00	1,590.60	2,639.60	2,639.60	.....	.....
Pittsburgh	1,268.00	1,957.50	3,225.50	3,225.50	.....	.....
Central Illinois.....	232.00	343.90	575.90	575.90	.....	.....
Rocky Mountain.....	78.00	130.00	208.00	208.00	.....	.....
	$17,395.00	$26,071.80	$43,466.80	$43,722.85	.....	.....

Truly thankful to this venerable body, the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (which is now soon to pass into history) for the confidence reposed in me and the privilege thereby granted me to serve my Church and Master, I submit my report to this body for its consideration and action.

Most cordially submitted,
GEORGE H. KNOLLENBERG, *Treasurer.*

By rising vote the General Synod approved the report and expressed high appreciation of the treasurer's services.

The report was referred to the Executive Committee for audit.

A commission from the General Council, consisting of Rev. Prof. Jacob Fry, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Rev. F. W. Bussard, Mr. George Hemsing, Mr. John M. Snyder, were introduced to the General Synod. Dr. Fry and Dr. Whitteker, for the commission, stated that all needed action for entrance by the General Council, together with The General Synod and The United Lutheran Synod in the South, into The United Lutheran Church in America had been taken.

To the remarks of Drs. Fry and Whitteker responses were made by President Tressler and Dr. D. H. Bauslin.

All united in the Lord's Prayer and in singing of the doxology.

Rev. S. D. Daugherty, D.D., submitted the following concerning work in South America:

Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society for Latin America

Mr. President and Brethren:

Your committee appointed at Chicago to overture the General Council and United Synod South in behalf of the work of the Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society for Latin America, desires to read the resolution adopted by this body at said Convention, as follows:

That the General Synod favors the entrance of this promising new field as soon as the General Council and the United Synod of the South shall combine with it to constitute one body, and that meanwhile a commission on Latin American work, comprising three ministers and three laymen, be appointed at this meeting by the President, which shall invite the appointment of a similar commission of three ministers and three laymen by the General Council next October, and a commission of two ministers and two laymen by the United Synod of the South next November, to signalize this historic year, 1917, by co-operation in the development of the work by the sending of Rev. Ephraim Ceder to Buenos Aires, Argentina, by the Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society, which has announced its readiness to give the management over into the conjoined hands of the three general bodies.

Said committee was appointed by the president of this body, and consists of Rev. Dr. A. B. Van Ormer, Rev. S. D. Daugherty, D.D., Rev. A. Pohlman, M.D., D.D., Rev. E. C. Harris, Mr. J. H. Brandt, W. H. Emhart, Esq., and Mr. S. Bond.

As instructed, said committee presented the interests of the Latin American work to the General Council and to the United Synod South, which bodies have submitted the matter to their respective committees on Ways and Means.

The missionary interests of this society are being conducted by a committee composed of representatives of the General Synod, United Synod South, General Council, including the Augustana Synod, with Rev. Ephraim Ceder, our missionary, on the field in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, who has reorganized work among the Swedes, especially, and having mastered the Spanish language is now giving his attention to the native peoples.

Your committee would recommend that the work be taken up as soon as is practicable by The United Lutheran Church of America.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

S. D. DAUGHERTY.

It was adopted.

Committees were named by president.

Rev. C. T. Aikens, D.D., presented the report of the Church Paper Committee as follows:

Report of the Church Paper Committee

Your Church Paper Committee, consisting of Rev. Chas. T. Aikens, D.D., Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, D.D., Rev. C. E. Gardner, D.D., Rev. R. D. Clare, and Messrs. Harvey C. Miller, Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq., and Dan Smith, Jr., is pleased to report, through its chairman, that it has tried to perform its duties in harmony with the instructions given by the General Synod, in Convention assembled at Chicago, in June, 1917. Immediately following the adjournment of General Synod, your committee met in Unity Lutheran Church and organized by electing Rev. Chas. T. Aikens chairman, and Rev. R. D. Clare, secretary. The secretary was instructed to notify Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., that he should continue the editorship of the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer* until final action should be taken at a later meeting of the committee.

On July 17, 1917, your committee met in Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., with all members present, and unanimously elected Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., editor of the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer*, at an annual salary of $2,500.00, with an allowance of $600.00 for special contributions and editorials. Our editor was instructed to issue a 20-page paper, at least nine months of the year, as necessity might demand. At 2 P. M. of the same day your entire committee met in joint session with the committee of the Lutheran Publication Society, to consider the matter of the transfer of the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer* to the Lutheran Pub-

lication Society, as per instructions of the General Synod. After a most friendly conference on our mutual obligations to the General Synod and a careful consideration of the questions involved in our Church paper problem, the financial budget of the Church Paper Committee was increased by the joint committee to $4,000.00 per year, or as much of that amount as might be needed to properly conduct the editorial department of the paper, including office expenses and the editor's salary of $2,500.00. On motion, a joint sub-committee, consisting of the chairman of your committee, Rev. Dr. Hanson, Messrs. Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq., W. C. Stoever, Esq., Frank Staley and Harvey C. Miller, was appointed to work out the details of the official transfer, and October 1, 1917, was the tentative date set for the transfer of the material and publishing departments of the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer* to the Lutheran Publication Society.

On October 1, 1917, as per appointment, your committee again met in joint session with our Lutheran Publication Society, in their parlors at Philadelphia, and concluded the transfer of all the property and the assets of every description belonging to the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer* to the Lutheran Publication Society, in harmony with the instructions of the Chicago Convention of the General Synod. All notes, book accounts and other obligations held by the Lutheran Publication Society against your Church Paper Committee were cancelled. The cancelled note which was endorsed by former members of your committee was placed in the hands of Rev. Dr. Gotwald as the representative of said endorsers in the matter of former business transactions of the Church Paper Committee in the purchase of the *Lutheran Observer.*

The Lutheran Publication Society at once assumed the responsibility of publishing and managing the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer,* as well as the payment of all bills and financial obligations of your committee, which continued the editorial management of said paper through the faithful efforts of our editor, Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D. We, the members of your Church Paper Committee, have tried to improve the general character of your official organ, and we must leave it to you to judge whether we have succeeded or not, in this very important task. One thing is very certain, and that is that you dare not expect an Ideal Church Paper to be published weekly at the subscription price of $1.00 per year. We hereby turn over to you the trust committed to our care at the last Convention of the General Synod, with the hope that The United Lutheran Church of America may not ignore the work done by the *Lutheran Church Work and Observer.*

Respectfully submitted on behalf of your committee,

CHAS. T. AIKENS, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Custody of Flag, Documents and Material

Voted that the service flag be given to the custody of the Lutheran Historical Society, and that when the General Synod ceases to exist, all of its documents and material be also given to the custody of this society.

The number of copies of the Minutes of this meeting was left to the officers.

The commission to the General Council reported that they had attended to their duties, and that they were most cordially received.

Resolved, That the General Synod, through the Lutheran Historical Society, offers to The United Lutheran Church the gavel presented to it for use during its first Convention.

Rev. George S. Bright sang " I Came to Jesus ".

President Tressler led the Synod in reading the " Te Deum ".

The secretary pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

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SIXTH SESSION

ST. JAMES' LUTHERAN CHURCH, NEW YORK,
NOV. 14, 1918.

The General Synod convened for its sixth session at 2:30 P. M.

A hymn was sung.

The commission to notify the United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South reported that they had performed their duty, and that a commission from that body was present.

The commission, consisting of Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Ph.D., president, Rev. B. D. Wessinger, Rev. W. C. Davis, Mr. T. J. Cooper, Hon. L. M. Swink, was introduced to the Synod.

Dr. Kinard presented the action of the United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South fully endorsing the proposed merger into The United Lutheran Church in America.

The nominations of the Executive Committee for membership in

the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church were submitted as follows: Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Ph.D., and Mr. George E. Neff, Esq., 4 years; Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., Mr. Harvey C. Miller, and John L. Zimmerman, Esq., 2 years.

Report was adopted and the nominations closed.

The president reported receipt of announcement of serious illness of President Hoover, of Carthage College. The Synod was led in prayer by Rev. Dr. Francis Keller, and a hymn was sung.

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SEVENTH SESSION

The minutes were read and adopted.

Dr. F. H. Knubel, D.D., offered prayer.

The president pronounced the Apostolic Benediction, and the General Synod adjourned to join with the General Council and the United Synod in Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in forming The United Lutheran Church in America.

The following action was taken by the General Synod at a meeting called by the president and held Monday, November 18, 1918, in the Engineering Societies' Auditorium, 25-33 West 39th Street, New York City:

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby requests the district Synods to approve, and directs its Secretary to send to the Presidents of the district Synods an exact copy of, and to request the said Presidents to submit to their respective Synods for approval, and to report to the Secretary of the General Synod as soon as possible their respective Synods' approval of the following resolutions adopted by the General Synod on June 23, 1917, as amended by the General Synod on November 13, 1918, to wit:

Resolved, That the delegates of the General Synod shall join the delegates of the General Council and the delegates of the United Synod in the South, and then the said delegates of the said three bodies shall together, as the delegates of the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Resolved, That if similar action is taken by the General Synod and the

United Synod in the South, (1) the General Synod shall promptly, to the fullest extent requested from time to time by a duly authorized committee appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America, (a) unite with the General Council and the United Synod in the South in continuing all its activities in and through The United Lutheran Church in America, (b) convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (the General Synod's) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America, and (c) cause all its (the General Synod's) boards, institutions, organizations or agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America; and (2) the General Synod shall, after the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, act separately only in such matters and to such an extent as the said committee will permit.

Resolved, That if similar action is taken by the General Council and the United Synod in the South, (1) the General Synod shall, whenever and as often as requested by the said committee appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America, do all such things and take all such action as the said committee shall request from time to time for the purpose of (a) carrying the last preceding resolution into effect, and (b) facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally merging the General Synod and any or all of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies.

Resolved, That after the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America the times and places of the conventions of the General Synod shall be appointed exclusively by the said committee.

Resolved, That the officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives of the General Synod and its board, institutions, organizations and agencies, are hereby authorized and directed to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce the three last preceding resolutions.

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MEETING OF THE PARENT EDUCATION SOCIETY

St. James' Church, New York,
November 13, 1918.

The Parent Education Society met. The president, Rev. A. R. Wentz, presided.

Rev. F. P. Manhart was appointed secretary *pro tem.*

Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., presented the following report:

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Parent Education Society would report that the permanent assets of the society consist of twelve scholarships, two in Wittenberg College and ten in Pennsylvania College, valued at $500.00 apiece, and yielding $30.00 each. The cash assets amount to $666.49, which have been received recently from a refund and a bequest. This is the only cash received during the last ten years. No other bequests are known to exist. It is possible that small sums may be recovered from former beneficiaries who feel disposed to refund what they received, or from others who failed to enter the Lutheran ministry.

The work of the society has been superseded by the operations of the district Synods and the Board of Education. Its existence is no longer necessary except in so far as possible receipts from legacies and refunds make it proper to retain for a time at least a legal existence.

The Joint Ways and Means Committee of the three general Lutheran bodies now merging, having inquired as to the relation of the society to The United Lutheran Church, was informed by the Executive Committee that inasmuch as there are no parallel agencies in the General Council and the United Synod in the South, and as the mission of the society was practically at an end, it would recommend to the society at its present meeting a delegation of its functions to the Executive Committee, which is to continue as long as may be deemed necessary.

Accordingly the Executive Committee recommends to the society an amendment to its Constitution. This can be done at once, provided three-fourths of the members present shall agree.

Article 18th provides that "No alterations of this Constitution shall be made, except by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at a regular meeting."

It is recommended that the following paragraph be added to Article 6:

"If for any reason the active work of the society shall cease and its meetings be suspended the Executive Committee shall be entrusted with all the affairs of the society, receive and disburse its funds, and shall continue so to do as long as may be deemed necessary."

Respectfully submitted for the Executive Committee,
J. A. SINGMASTER.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Singmaster presented his report as treasurer as follows:

Report of Treasurer

J. A. SINGMASTER, *Treasurer, in account with the Parent Education Society, for sixteen months, from May 22, 1917, to Sept. 22, 1918:*

1917	Dr.	
May 22.	To cash balance	$4.00
Sept. 20.	To use of ten scholarships	300.00
1918		
Jan. 18.	To bequest of Mrs. J. B. Downing	462.49
March 27.	To refund Rev. W. R. Wieand	200.00
		$966.49

1918	Cr.		
Sept. 20.	By grant of Scholarships:		
	George K. Gülck	$30.00	
	B. A. Kommel	30.00	
	V. J. Congleton	30.00	
	W. H. Redcay	30.00	
	Guy E. Miller	30.00	
	Raymond C. Schindler	30.00	
	W. E. Stonesifer	30.00	
	Ralph E. Stine	30.00	
	L. B. Passell	30.00	
	Robt. S. Miller	30.00	
			$300.00
	Balance on hand		$666.49

Auditor's Report

GETTYSBURG, PA., SEPT. 22, 1918.

This certifies that I have audited the account of J. A. Singmaster, Treasurer of the Parent Education Society, and find that he has received, from May 22, 1917, to Sept. 22, 1918, the sum of $966.49, including a former balance of $4.00, and has expended $300.00, for which he holds notes. The account showing a cash balance of $666.49 is correct.

AMOS ECKERT, *Auditor.*

The report was adopted.

The officers were re-elected.

The minutes were read and approved.

The society then adjourned.

F. P. MANHART,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEW YORK,
NOVEMBER 14, 1918.

The Lutheran Publication Society met, President V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., in the chair.

The report of the board was presented by the corresponding secretary, Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., as follows:

Report of the Board of Directors

PHILADELPHIA, PA., NOVEMBER 7, 1918.

To the Lutheran Publication Society:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The unique conditions under which this report is made require unusual brevity.

The business of the society has been carried on successfully, and in enlarged measure, in Philadelphia and the branches in New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago. This has been done in spite of difficulties resulting from war and health conditions.

The publications issued since the last report include many editions of our own publications, and new works, such as "Luther's Correspondence and Other Contemporary Letters", Volume II, "Upon This Rock", "Army and Navy Service Book", and especially the Common Service Book With Hymnal.

In view of the coming merger the issue of new works has naturally been limited. It is understood, however, that works provided by the board will be completed and published.

The merging of the interests and activities of the Publication Houses of the three bodies interested will proceed as directed by The United Lutheran Church, and as required by the legal status and relations of these bodies.

The business as summarized from the duly audited report of the superintendent for the year ending April 30, 1918, is as follows:

ASSETS

Merchandise and Stock on hand in Philadelphia and Branch Houses	$57,332.27
Printing Plant	39,732.21
Electrotype Plates	10,396.20
Store and Office Fixtures in Philadelphia and Branch Houses	9,496.62
Book Accounts	65,127.57
Cash in Banks and Safes in Philadelphia and Branch Houses	8,273.84
Deficit on *Boys and Girls* due by Executive Committee of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	34.65

German Literary Board Notes	200.00
Accounts Payable	275.72
Liberty Loan Bonds (employees)	253.50
	$191,122.58

LIABILITIES

Amount due subscribers in subscriptions to periodicals	$18,269.36
Amount due subscribers in subscriptions to *Lutheran Church Work*	5,677.88
Open Book Accounts (credit balance due on *Lutheran Woman's Work*)	3,761.62
Open Book Accounts (credit balance on customers' accounts)	406.92
Net Assets (not including securities and cash accounted for by the Treasurer)	163,006.80
	$191,122.58

The net amount of business transacted during the fiscal year, ending April 30, 1918, was $256,186.11, an increase of $46,786.93 over the net amount transacted during the previous year.

The report of the treasurer, duly audited, for the year ending April 30, 1918, is summarized as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 30, 1918.

E. G. HOOVER, *Treasurer, in account with The Lutheran Publication Society.*

1917	DR.		
May 1.	To balance on deposit with the Fidelity Trust Co.		$107,698.44
May 16.	To cash, Interest on balance, Fidelity Trust Co.	$1,449.03	
May 16.	To cash, 6 months' interest 5 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Bonds	100.00	
May 16.	To cash, 6 months' interest 1 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Bonds	22.50	
June 5.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. Chas. Baum.	1.00	
June 5.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. C. F. Steck.	1.00	
June 19.	To cash, 6 months' interest 4 Riverside Trac. Co. Bonds	100.00	
June 5.	To cash, 6 months' interest 1 Rome (N. Y.) Elec. Light and Power Co.	25.00	
June 20.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. F. G. Gotwald	1.00	
June 20.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. H. H. Weber	1.00	
June 20.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. F. Knubel.	1.00	
June 22.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. L. B. Wolf.	1.00	
June 22.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. G. M. Diffenderfer	1.00	
June 26.	To cash, Membership Fee, Mr. Edw. Long.	1.00	
June 26.	To cash, Membership Fee, Mr. J. F. Auch.	1.00	

June 26.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. J. B. Remensnyder	1.00
June 26.	To cash, Membership Fee, Dr. M. Coover	1.00
June 26.	To cash, Membership Fee, Mr. T. B. Stork.	1.00
June 26.	To cash, Offering, Chicago, Ill.	11.95
July 10.	To cash, 3 months' interest 3 Perkiomen R. R. Co. Bonds	37.50
July 10.	To cash, 6 months' interest 4 Eq. Ill. Gas Light Co. Bonds	100.00
July 10.	To cash, 6 months' interest 3 United Trac. Co. of Pitts. Bonds	75.00
July 10.	To cash, 6 months' interest 4 Wichita Falls and N. Ry. Co. Bonds	100.00
July 10.	To cash, 6 months' interest 6 Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co. Bonds	135.00
July 10.	To cash, 6 months' interest 1 W. N. Y. and Penn. Ry. Co. Bond	25.00
Aug. 21.	To cash, 6 months' interest 10 Penn. R. R. Co. Bonds	225.00
Oct. 1.	To cash, 3 months' interest 3 Perkiomen R. R. Co. Bonds	37.50
Oct. 1.	To cash, 6 months' interest 5 B. & O. R. R. Co. Bonds	100.00
Oct. 1.	To cash, 6 months' interest 4 Tri City Ry. & Light Co. Bonds	100.00
Nov. 20.	To cash, 6 months' interest 6 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Bonds	122.50
Nov. 20.	To cash, 6 months' interest $5,600 Elec. & People's Trac. Co. Bonds	112.00
Nov. 20.	To cash, Dividend on 20 shares Preferred Stock of the Riverside Trac. Co.	25.00
1918		
Jan. 15.	To cash, Interest on balance Fidelity Trust Co.	1,117.67
Jan. 15.	To cash, 3 months' interest 3 Perkiomen R. R. Co. Bonds	37.50
Jan. 15.	To cash, 6 months' interest 4 Eq. Ill. Gas Light Co. Bonds	100.00
Jan. 15.	To cash, 6 months' interest 3 United Trac. Co. of Pitts. Bonds	75.00
Jan. 15.	To cash, 6 months' interest 4 Riverside Trac. Co. Bonds	100.00
Jan. 15.	To cash, 6 months' interest 1 Rome (N. Y.) Elec. Light & Ry. Co. Bond	25.00
Jan. 15.	To cash, 6 months' interest 6 Lehigh Coal & Nav. Co. Bonds	135.00
Mar. 19.	To cash, 6 months' interest 1 W. N. Y. & Penn. R. R. Co. Bond	25.00
Mar. 19.	To cash, 6 months' interest 10 Penn. R. R. Co. Bonds	225.00
	To cash, 6 months' interest 10 U. S. Government Liberty Bonds	175.00
		$4,930.15
		$112,628.59

1917	Cr.		
June 13.	By cash, 10 U. S. Government Liberty Bonds	$10,000.00	
July 11.	By cash, Historical Society of Gettysburg, Pa.	500.00	
July 23.	By cash, Premium on Bond of F. L. Sigmund, Supt.	18.75	
July 23.	By cash, Premium on Bond of Elmer Bittle.	6.25	
July 23.	By cash, Fidelity Trust Co. (coupons of the Wichita Falls & Northwestern Ry. Co. returned)	100.00	
July 27.	By cash, Premium on Bond of John J. Seibert	6.25	
Sept. 24.	By cash, Loaned Dr. F. L. Sigmund, Supt..	3,000.00	
Sept. 24.	By cash, Telegram to Chicago, J. F. Staley.	1.20	
Oct. 1.	By cash, Premium on Bond of Miss A. E. MacMullen	12.50	
Oct. 8.	By cash, F. H. Gilson Co., Hymn and Service Book plate corrections	10.25	
Oct. 12.	By cash, Pub. House of U. E. Church, printing	9,508.11	
Nov. 20.	By cash, F. H. Gilson Co., account Hymn and Service Book	841.37	
Nov. 20.	By cash, F. H. Gilson Co., account Hymn and Service Book	691.95	
Nov. 20.	By cash, Loaned Dr. F. L. Sigmund, Supt..	3,500.00	
Nov. 30.	By cash, Premium on Bond of E. G. Hoover, Treas.	12.50	
Dec. 7.	By cash, $50,000 U. S. Government Certificates	50,043.83	
1918			
Jan. 30.	By cash, Fidelity Trust Co. (coupons of the United Trac. Co. of Pitts. returned)	75.00	
Mar. 19.	By cash, Rent for box in vault of Fidelity Trust Co.	15.00	
Mar. 28.	By cash, Premium on Bond of C. C. Otis...	6.25	
Apr. 6.	By cash, F. H. Gilson Co., Hymn and Service Book plate corrections	8.21	
			$78,357.42
	Balance on Deposit with the Fidelity Trust Co...		$34,271.17
	Balance on Deposit with the Fidelity Trust Co.		$34,271.17
3	5 per cent. First Series Bonds, Perkiomen R. R. Co., par value	$3,000.00	
4	5 per cent. First Mtg. Bonds, Eq. Ill. Gas Light Co., par value	4,000.00	
3	5 per cent. Gen. Mtg. Bonds, United Trac. Co. of Pitts., par value	3,000.00	
5	4 per cent. Gold Stock Trust Cert., Elec. and People's Trac. Co., par value	5,000.00	
1	4 per cent. Gold Stock Trust Cert. Elec. and People's Trac. Co., par value	500.00	
1	4 per cent. Gold Stock Trust Cert. Elec. and People's Trac. Co., par value	100.00	

5	4 per cent. Gen. Cons'd. Mtg. Bonds, Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., par value	5,000.00	
1	4½ per cent. Gen. Cons'd. Mtg. Bonds, Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., par value	1,000.00	
5	4 per cent. Firt Mtg. Bonds, Balto. & Ohio R. R. Co., par value	5,000.00	
4	5 per cent. First Mtg. Bonds, Riverside Traction Co., par value	4,000.00	
4	5 per cent. First and Refunding Mtg. Bonds, Wichita Falls and N. Ry., par value	4,000.00	
4	5 per cent. First Coll. Trust Lien Sinking Fund Bonds, Tri City Railway & Light Co., par value	4,000.00	
1	5 per cent. First Mtg. Bonds, Rome (N. Y.) Gas, Elec. Light & P. Co., par value	1,000.00	
6	4½ per cent. Cons'd. Mtg. Bonds, Lehigh Coal & Nav. Co., par value	6,000.00	
10	4½ Cons'd. Bonds Penn. R. R. Co., par value	10,000.00	
1	5 per cent. First Mtg. Bond Western N. Y. & Penn. R. R. Co., par value	1,000.00	
1	Cert. of 20 shares Preferred Stock, Riverside Trac. Co.	1,000.00	
10	U. S. Government Liberty Bonds	10,000.00	
1	U. S. Government Certificate of Indebtedness	50,000.00	
	Total par value of certificates		$117,600.00
			$151,871.17

JOHN RUNG LEGACY

1917		DR.	
May 1.	To balance on deposit, Phila. Saving Fund Society	$478.25	
May 16.	To cash, Interest on Deposit	14.25	
May 16.	To cash, 6 months' interest 3 H. M. & F. Pass. Ry. Co. Bonds	75.00	
July 10.	To cash, 6 months' interest 1 W. N. Y. & Penn. Ry. Co. Bond	25.00	
Nov. 20.	To cash, 6 months' interest 3 H. M. & F. Pass. Ry. Co. Bonds	75.00	
1918			
Jan. 15.	To cash, 6 months' interest 1 W. N. Y & Penn. Ry. Co. Bond	25.00	
Apr. 1.	To cash, Interest on Deposits	20.02	
			$712.72
1918			
3	5 per cent. Cons'd. Mtg. Bonds of the Hestonville, Mantua & Fairmount Pass. Ry. Co.	$3,000.00	
1	5 per cent. First Mtg. Bond Western N. Y. & Penn. R. R. Co.	1,000.00	
			$4,000.00
			$151,871.17
			4,712.72
			$156,583.89

PRUDENTIAL RESERVE FUND

NOVEMBER 7, 1918.

As per resolution of the Board, invested as follows:

3 Bonds Perkiomen R. R. Co., par value $1,000 each	$3,000.00
4 Bonds Eq. Ill. Gas Light Co., par value $1,000 each	4,000.00
3 Bonds United Trac. Co. of Pitts., par value $1,000 each	3,000.00
5 Cert. Elec. & People's Trac. Co. of Phila., par value $1,000 each	5,000.00
1 Cert. Elec. & People's Trac. Co. of Phila., par value $500 each.	500.00
1 Cert. Elec. & People's Trac. Co. of Phila., par value $100 each.	100.00
5 Bonds of the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., par value $1,000 each.	5,000.00
1 Bond of the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., par value $1,000 each..	1,000.00
5 Bonds of the Balto. & Ohio R. R. Co., par value $1,000 each..	5,000.00
4 Bonds of the Riverside Trac. Co., par value $1,000 each	4,000.00
4 Bonds of the Wichita Falls & Northwestern Ry. Co., par value $1,000 each	4,000.00
4 Bonds of the Tri City Railway & Light Co., par value $1,000 each	4,000.00
1 Bond of the Rome (N. Y.) Gas, Elec. Light & Power Co., par value $1,000 each	1,000.00
6 Bonds of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., par value $1,000 each	6,000.00
10 Bonds of the Penn. R. R. Co., par value $1,000 each	10,000.00
1 Bond of the Western N. Y. & Penn. R. R. Co., par value $1,000 each	1,000.00
1 Cert. 20 shares of Preferred Stock, Riverside Trac. Co.	1,000.00
10 U. S. Government Liberty Bonds, par value $1,000 each	10,000.00
1 U. S. Government Certificate	50,000.00
7 U. S. Government Liberty Bonds	7,000.00
Total value of securities	$124,600.00

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. HOOVER, *Treasurer.*

The total assets are $347,716.47.

The following paper approving of the Charter and Constitution and By-Laws of the Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church was adopted:

PREAMBLES AND RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America and the United Lutheran Synod in the South are about to merge and all and singular and every their and each of their spiritual and material interests, rights and property of any and every kind, in a new corporate body about to be organized, to be called The United Lutheran Church in America, and in due time thereafter it is intended they shall severally and separately cease to exist and become legally dissolved.

AND WHEREAS, Said merger of said respective bodies into the larger united body will carry with it as a necessary consequence the merger of

their respective boards, including their respective Boards of Publication. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By The Lutheran Publication Society in due and legal convention assembled, that the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Publication Society be, and the same is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to join with the respective Boards of Publication of the other two general bodies above named, in simultaneously merging all and singular and every their respective interests of every kind in a new Board of Publication, to be duly incorporated by direction and under the authority of said The United Lutheran Church in America, in accordance with the draft of Charter and By-Laws adopted for the said new Board of Publication by the Boards of Publication of the said three general bodies above named, and approved by the Ways and Means Committee acting for and on behalf of said The United Lutheran Church in America, the said new Publication Board to be called The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America; and after the due incorporation and organization of said The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, and the same being ready to do business, simultaneously with the other two Boards of Publication above referred to, in due and legal manner to convey, transfer, assign and deliver all and singular its property of every kind, real and personal, business, goodwill, assets and resources, but subject to its liabilities, contracts, engagements and obligations, unto said The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, its successors and assigns absolutely.

The nominations for membership of the new Board of Publication are as follows:

Laymen—E. G. Hoover, E. F. Eilert, for six years; J. F. Auch, J. F. Staley, for four years; Croll Keller, W. C. Stoever, for two years.

Ministers—C. F. Steck, D.D., for six years; F. P. Manhart, D.D., for four years; Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., for two years.

The board recommends the usual biennial appropriation of $500 to the Lutheran Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK P. MANHART,
Corresponding Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The members of the board were re-elected.

The officers of the society were re-elected.

The minutes were read and approved.

The society then adjourned.

FRANK P. MANHART,
Secretary.

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Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City

The Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City, was organized January 27th, 1868. The Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., was called as its first pastor. The place of worship was purchased from a Dutch Reformed congregation on 21st Street, near Fifth Avenue. The congregation, under the leadership of Dr. Krotel, gathered to itself Lutherans of influence, and quickly attained a position of prominence in general religious work. Dr. Krotel's pastorate continued until 1895, when he resigned and was succeeded in 1896 by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D. Dr. Miller's pastorate developed a spirit of loyalty and activity among the young people of the Church and culminated in building the present beautiful church edifice, which was consecrated in 1904. With Dr. Miller's resignation in 1908, Rev. Charles J. Smith, D.D., became pastor. The congregation again found itself in a downtown district of the great metropolis striving to make its ministry permanent in the community where it is now located and where it feels that it occupies a peculiarly strategic position.

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Sixth Convention

(ADJOURNED MEETING)

OF THE

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OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America

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NOVEMBER 12-15, A. D. 1918

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
SIXTY-FIFTH STREET AND CENTRAL PARK WEST,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1918, 8:25 P. M.

The Adjourned Meeting of the General Council was formally opened for the transaction of business with the singing of hymn 167 in the Common Service Book and Hymnal and with the use of the Order (new) for the Opening of Synods, the President, the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., presiding.

The President read a cablegram from France from the Rev. C. J. Smith, D.D., pastor of Holy Trinity Church, extending the welcome of the Parish to the General Council.

The Rev. William L. Stough was elected Secretary of the Council for the unexpired term of the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., deceased.

There was an attendance of 90 clerical and 82 lay delegates, making a total of 172 delegates.

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

I. The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Adjacent States

Organized August 15 (New Style, 26), A. D. 1748.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Harvey A. Weller, D.D., *ex-officio*	Mr. William H. Hager
	Mr. E. Clarence Miller
Rev. Prof. John A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D.	E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
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Rev. Prof. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. Fred C. Hassold
	F. O. Ritter, M.D.
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	Mr. James M. Snyder
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Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D.	Mr. William S. Mohr
Rev. Nathan R. Melhorn, D.D.	Mr. Harry Hodges
Rev. Ernest P. H. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. Matthias L. March
	Mr. Franklin P. D. Miller
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Rev. Theodore W. Kretschmann, Ph.D.	Mr. Charles A. Worsley
	Milton C. Henninger, Esq.
Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman	Prof. T. H. Serfass
Rev. Prof. Luther D. Reed, D.D.	Mr. James G. Finley
Rev. Jeremiah F. Ohl, Mus.D.	George F. Seiberling, M.D.
Rev. Jacob C. Kunzmann, D.D.	Mr. Henry F. Heuer
Rev. John H. Waidelich, D.D.	Mr. Frank L. Brown
Rev. George Gebert, D.D.	Mr. Daniel F. Yost
Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, D.D.	J. Evan Hirtle, D.D.S.
Rev. William L. Stough	Mr. Frank D. Bittner
Rev. Solomon E. Ochsenford, D.D.	Mr. Harry Querns
Rev. Prof. C. Theodore Benze, D.D.	Mr. Peter Woll, Jr.
Rev. Charles J. Cooper, D.D.	Mr. William W. Speck
Rev. James F. Lambert	J. F. Trexler, M.D.
Rev. Charles L. Fry, D.D.	George R. Ulrich, D.D.S.
Rev. William L. Hunton, Ph.D.	Mr. Homer A. Weaver
Rev. James L. Becker, D.D.	

Clerical

Rev. John H. Umbenhen, Ph.D.
Rev. Joseph H. Orr
Rev. Archibald C. Schenck
Rev. Ernest F. Bachmann, D.D.
Rev. Stephen Paulson
Rev. J. O. Leibensperger

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II. The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries

Organized Oct. 23, A. D. 1786.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Fred. H. Bosch, *ex-officio*	Mr. Ernest C. Muncke
Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D.	Mr. Theodore Roehrs
Rev. John A. Weyl	Mr. Martin Wulff
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Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D.	Mr. Richard Moldenke, Ph.D.
Rev. Frederick Sutter	Mr. George Gravenhorst
Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling	Mr. William F. Intemann
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Rev. Herman Brezing	Mr. Jacob Dangler
Rev. E. Brennecke, Ph.D.	Mr. William Eck
Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch	
Rev. Wm. A. Snyder, D.D.	

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III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized Jan. 15, A. D. 1845.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. Franklin Gehr, D.D., *ex-officio*	George F. Greiner, Esq.
	Prof. John B. Geissinger
Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D.	Mr. John B. Kaercher
Rev. Benjamin F. Hankey	Mr. J. Louis Frederick
Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D.	Mr. Peter F. Leemhius
Rev. Chas. P. MacLaughlin, D.D.	Hon. Aaron E. Reiber
Rev. Duncan M. Kemerer	Mr. Henry W. Fox
Rev. Ernst A. Tappert	Mr. Charles Blass
Rev. Gomer C. Rees, D.D.	Mr. George F. Seifrid
Rev. George H. Schnur	J. Warren Hunter, Esq.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. John J. Myers	Mr. J. Harvey Wattles
Rev. R. D. Roeder	
Rev. Frank C. Oberly	

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IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio

Organized July 21, A. D. 1861.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. W. H. Shepfer, *ex-officio*	Mr. A. T. Baker
Rev. E. F. Ritter	M. M. Bauer, M.D.
Rev. A. J. Holl	Mr. L. E. Grimes
Rev. J. M. Wenrich	Mr. A. W. Weber
Rev. M. L. Wagner, D.D.	

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V. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada

Organized July 21, A. D. 1861.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Max Voelker, *ex-officio*	Mr. A. L. Bitzer
Rev. Otto C. Klaehn	
Rev. Hugo Hamfelt	

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VI. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized A. D. 1871; reorganized Sept. 24, A. D. 1896.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. William J. Seiberling, *ex-officio*	Mr. John B. Franke
Rev. Prof. George H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. Henry S. K. Bartholomew
	Mr. Frederick Sachse
Rev. Charles L. Warstler	Mr. Martin L. Deck
Rev. M. Edmund Haberland	

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VII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest

Organized Sept. 23, 1891.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, *ex-officio*	Mr. J. K. Jensen
Rev. George H. Trabert, D.D.	Mr. George Hemsing
Rev. W. P. Christy	Mr. L. A. Anderson
Rev. L. Franklin Gruber, D.D.	Hon. A. U. Mayland
Rev. William F. Bacher	Mr. Anton Henecke

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VIII. German Evangelical Lutheran Manitoba Synod

Organized Sept. 23, 1891.

Clerical	*Lay*

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IX. Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized Sept. 24, A. D. 1892.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. W. Bussard, *ex-officio*	W. S. T. Derr, Esq.
Rev. M. E. Boulton	Dr. P. W. H. Frederick

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X. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England

Organized Sept. 24, A. D. 1902.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Franklin F. Fry, D.D., *ex-officio*	Mr. James Gear
Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D.	Mr. Robert E. Gaskell
Rev. A. L. Benner	Mr. Frederick Henrich
Rev. Samuel G. Weiskotten, D.D., Ph.D.	Mr. Fred. J. Walter
	Mr. William H. Stackel
Rev. Frederick C. Martin	Mr. Herbert T. Weiskotten, Ph.D.
Rev. Henry G. Erbes	

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XI. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia

Organized July 10, A. D. 1903.

Clerical	*Lay*

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XII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada

Organized May 26, A. D. 1909.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. Maurer, *ex-officio*	Mr. J. C. Casselman

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XIII. Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas

Organized A. D. 1906.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. E. A. Sievert	

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Total Membership of General Council

Clerical, 90; Lay, 82; Total, 172.

Visiting Clergymen

Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D.
Rev. James F. Beates
Rev. P. O. Bersell
Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D.
Rev. John A. Eckstrom
Rev. Paul H. Heisey
Rev. Axel C. H. Helander
Rev. Charles H. Hemsath
Rev. F. Jacobson, Ph.D.
Rev. Oscar Krauch
Rev. J. William McCauley
Rev. S. G. Okman, D.D.
Rev. Walter Rohde
Rev. Mauritz Stolpe, D.D.
Rev. P. Z. Strodach
Rev. Carl G. Toebke

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A committee of three was authorized to be appointed to consider the matter of the Treasurer of the General Council and to bring in a recommendation. This committee reported as follows in the Second Session:

Inasmuch as the withdrawal of the Augustana Synod from the General Council has been accepted and an honorable discharge has been granted, and

Whereas, we have been informed that Mr. A. G. Anderson, the present treasurer of the General Council, and a member of the Augustana Synod, recognizes that his offices should cease, therefore your committee, believe that the office of treasurer is now vacant, and we therefore nominate for the unexpired term of Treasurer of the General Council, Mr. John B. Franke, Fort Wayne, Ind.

We herewith express to Mr. Anderson the appreciation of the General Council for the faithful and thorough manner in which he has performed the duties of his office.

We recommend that the chair appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

JAMES M. SNYDER,
F. P. D. MILLER,
WM. H. HAGER.

The report was adopted, and on motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the General Council for Mr. John B. Franke to serve as Treasurer for the unexpired term of Mr. A. G. Anderson, who vacated the office.

In the Third Session the following committee was appointed to

audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the General Council: James M. Snyder and G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.

The following resolution of withdrawal by the Augustana Synod was read by the Secretary:

DENVER, COLO., OCT. 14, 1918.

THE REV. DR. THEO. E. SCHMAUK,
President of the General Council,
Lebanon, Penna.

DEAR DOCTOR:—At the late Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod, held in Minneapolis, Minn., in the month of June, 1918, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, The Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod has decided not to join the proposed merger of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod South, and

Whereas, The relation on the part of the Synods belonging to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, appears to be of such a nature that the joining of the merger on the part of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America carries with it all the Synods belonging to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, in which event also the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America would become a party to the merger; therefore, be it *Resolved:*

1. That the Synod do now proceed to dissolve its connection with the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America;

2. That the Synod respectfully requests of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America the privilege to withdraw from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America at its next meeting.

By reason of the above resolution, the undersigned, President and Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America, would most respectfully petition the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America for an honorable dismissal from membership in the said the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Most sincerely yours,

G. A. BRANDELLE,
President of the Ev. Lutheran Augustana Synod of N. A.

JOS. A. ANDERSON,
Secretary of the Ev. Lutheran Augustana Synod of N. A.

The Rev. Dr. Kretschmann moved that the resolution be received, the petition granted and an honorable dismissal given. On motion of the Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas, the resolution of the Augustana Synod and Dr. Kretschmann's motion were referred to a committee for the framing of a proper resolution. The President named the following committee:

The Presidents of Synods, the Rev. Dr. Weller to be chairman, and the Rev. Drs. J. A. W. Haas and T. W. Kretschmann. Later, the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs was added to the committee.

The committee reported as follows in the Second Session:

Whereas, The Augustana Synod, after fifty years' identification with the General Council, and active co-operation in its work, has formally notified this General Council of its desire and intention to withdraw; and

Whereas, The reason assigned for such withdrawal is the union of other Synods of the General Council in The United Lutheran Church of America; and

Whereas, The founders of the Augustana Synod, even prior to the formation of the General Council, earnestly co-operated with those who founded that body in the clear confession, maintenance and defense of the confessional position for which the General Council has always stood, and in the efforts to give such position that wide recognition which it has today attained; and

Whereas, The General Council remembers with thankfulness the devoted lives and services of Doctors Hasselquist, Olson and Esbjörn, Jonas Swensson, Drs. Carlson and Norelius, and other fathers of the Augustana Synod, and the efficiency of Drs. Carl Swensson and Ranseen as presidents of the General Council,

Therefore, be it Resolved—

That we record with great satisfaction the fact that the Augustana Synod so long in unity of faith with the General Council does not withdraw because of any differences in faith and practice;

That we remember with gratitude the saintly lives and noble examples of the fathers of the Augustana Synod;

That we express our deepest regret that the Augustana Synod could not see its way clear at this time to remain with the General Council and enter with it into The United Lutheran Church;

That we appreciate the desire of the Augustana Synod to co-operate with

The United Lutheran Church in educational and missionary work, especially Foreign Mission work, to which the Augustana Synod has furnished so many laborers and given such full measure of devotion for many years;

That we express the hope that the Augustana Synod may soon determine to enter into organic union with The United Lutheran Church and aid in the formation of one American Lutheran Church;

That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, published in our church papers, and transmitted to the President of the Augustana Synod.

The Rev. Mauritz Stolpe, D.D., of the Augustana Synod, addressed the General Council in appreciation of the past, in regret of the present necessity, and in hope of the future. He was followed by the Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., the Rev. F. Jacobson, D.D., the Rev. S. G. Oehman, D.D., and others. After these addresses, the report of the committee was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Cooper, the following was adopted:

Provisional Order of Business

Opening of Convention with Prescribed Form.
Brief report of object of meeting by President.
Presentation of Resolution of Withdrawal of Augustana Synod by its delegation.
Report of General Council Section of Ways and Means Committee and Transaction of business incident to merger.
Report of Treasurer.
Report of Finance and Budget Committee.
Report of Trustees of General Council.
Foreign Mission report.
English Home Mission report.
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Inner Mission report.

Deaconess report.
Year Book report.
Lutheran Church Music and Musicians report.
Church Architecture report.
Jewish Mission report.
New business.
Other business pertaining to the winding up of the affairs of the General Council and its boards.
Simultaneous session with other bodies.
Adjournment.

Mr. William H. Hager presented the

Report of Finance and Budget Committee

Your Committee on Finance and Budget respectfully submits the following report, divided into two sections:

First Section, covering the financial operations of the General Council for one year, based upon tentative figures submitted by the Treasurer of the General Council, Mr. Anderson;

Second Section, which details the apportionments made to the various Synods, for the operation of our Boards, and the actual payments made by these Synods, during their fiscal year 1917-1918.

FIRST SECTION

Approximate figures of your Treasurer for one year show total receipts to October 15th of $11,132, less $1,882, held for the Inner Mission Fund, or actual total receipts of $9,250—as against total receipts of $9,328 for the two years 1915-1917. Note that this receipt total is increased by a special item—Memorial Fund—of $4,705. The synodical payments to the General Council Treasury are only $3,924 for one year, as against $9,328 for the two years 1915-1917. Unpaid amounts due the General Council Treasury aggregate $1,978—and the following Synods are in arrears as follows:

Ohio Synod, $428.00 (3 years).
Augustana Synod, $1,040.00 (1 year).
Canada Synod, $86.00 (2½ years).
Chicago Synod, $105.00 (2-3 year).
Synod of the Northwest, $480.00 (3 years).
Manitoba Synod, $96.00 (3 years).
Nova Scotia Synod, $16.00 (1 year).

Your Committee takes it for granted that these Synods will meet in full, in the near future, these obligations, and we suggest that, in order to facili-

tate and assure such payment, where they may be unable to pay the amount due in cash, the officers of the Synods named execute a ninety days' or six months' note, same to be made payable to the Treasurer of the General Council.

General disbursements for the one year 1917-1918 are $7,560, or about $2,000 in excess of the general expenditures for the previous biennium 1915-1917. The cash balance on hand in the General Council Treasury, $2,489, is apparently $8,141 less than the cash on hand at the end of the biennium 1915-1917. However, there have been invested in Liberty Bonds $5,000 and a loan of $3,000 has been made to the Board of the Virgin Islands, which, along with $1,706 on hand in the Memorial Fund, really aggregates a total of $9,706, which should be added to the cash on hand, making a total balance of about $12,195. Of course, these figures are subject to slight changes in the final report of the Treasurer.

In closing this part of the report, your Committee would stress the vital importance for The United Lutheran Church of a treasury fund which shall be able to command a minimum of $20,000 per annum, in order to fully take care of the necessary expenses, which will undoubtedly be created through its salaried officers, executive committee, and their expenses.

SECOND SECTION

In reference to the apportionment of the various Synods to the Boards of the General Council, reports for the past year show varying results, but in most cases about the usual deficit. Note that incomplete figures were furnished by some of the Boards.

It is impossible to give any figures, or even make an estimate as to results of the deficit fund apportioned at the Thirty-sixth Convention of the General Council, total $117,025, which was to be met during the year 1917-1918 by the several Synods. However, your Committee understands that a special effort has been made, and that at least some of the deficit will be met and paid within the next ninety days.

Based upon the experiences of the past eight years, during which time most earnest efforts have been put forth by your Committee, to have all the Synods of the General Council carry out the letter, as well as the spirit, of its resolution, that the apportionment should be considered a "business, moral and Christian obligation, and be met in full," and considering the new methods successfully adopted the past two years to raise moneys, we are convinced that a new financial plan must be adopted, in order that we may secure for The United Lutheran Church the fullest measure of financial support for all its operations, on the part of all its members. In this connection we name the War Fund for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare of over $1,300,000, raised by the National Lutheran Commission, as an inspiring

example of the willingness and ability of Lutherans to give under a well organized plan of campaign.

We therefore suggest for consideration by the new Finance Committee a yearly budget that would represent the combined needs of all the operations of The United Lutheran Church, educational, mission and benevolent, and then a thoroughly organized campaign to raise these funds.

The United Lutheran Church, entering upon a wonderful period of reconstruction, after the destructive world-wide war, must develop a vision of the great opportunities and responsibilities which it faces, and then be able to command the means to realize them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

First. That the officers of all Synods be requested, when unable to make the cash payments, to execute notes, payable within six months, covering any balance due the General Council Treasury during the last three years.

Second. That all the Treasurers of Synods be requested to make prompt transfer to the various Boards of all funds in hand for the General Council Deficit Fund.

Third. That the Treasurer of the General Council be instructed to pay over to Mr. E. Clarence Miller any balance yet due him on its share of the deficit of the Quadri-Centennial Finance Committee.

Fourth. That the present apportionment method, and the same amounts in force for 1917-1918 be continued until such time as other plans may be decided upon by the officers and Executive Committee of The United Lutheran Church.

Fifth. That there be a conference of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments of The United Lutheran Church with the officers and Executive Committee of The United Lutheran Church and the representatives of its Boards, to consider a new plan for the financial operations of The United Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. HAGER, *Chairman,*
E. CLARENCE MILLER,
CHARLES SCHIMMELFENG,
FRANK M. RITER,
A. G. ANDERSON,
JOHN M. SNYDER,
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GEORGE HEMSING,
P. A. KEMPE,
C. T. A. ANDERSON,
JOHN F. KERCHER,
ROBERT E. GASKELL,
JOHN P. FANES.

	Foreign Missions	Received One Year	Home Missions	Received One Year	German Missions	Received One Year	Porto Rico and Latin America	Received One Year	Slav Missions	Received One Year	Jewish Missions	Received One Year	Student U. Work	Received One Year	Virgin Islands	Received One Year	General Council Treasury	Received One Year	TOTAL
Pennsylvania Ministerium	$28,000 Deficit 6,963	$	$40,000 Deficit 20,458	$31,033 No	$12,600 Deficit 10,669	$7,534 No	$4,836 Deficit 3,164	$3,756 No	$8,400 Deficit 2,894	$6,341 1,000 No	$1,250 Deficit 794	$932 No	$1,000 Deficit 953	$736 No	$2,600 Deficit	$790	$1,120	$1,120	
New York Ministerium	6,900 Deficit 4,692		1,000 Deficit 1,123	437 No	6,500 Deficit 6,872	3,533 No	1,661 Deficit 2,161	661 No	1,700 Deficit 2,180	709 No	150 Deficit 210	33 No	400 Deficit 800		900	65	400	471	
Pittsburgh Synod	7,600 Deficit		15,000 Deficit 10,599	11,700 3,000	2,100 Deficit 661	1,831 No	2,000 Deficit 1,121	1,855 No	2,700 Deficit 1,494	2,574 No	1,250 Deficit 495	1,125 No	600 Deficit 428	568 No	1,100	418	400	800	
District Synod of Ohio	12,900 Deficit 1,038		6,000 Deficit 1,675	5,622	250 Deficit 177	201 No	1,334 Deficit 1,411	561 No	750 Deficit	779 No	150 Deficit 66	108 No	400 Deficit 277	301 No	500		208 Deficit 216		
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Canada Synod	2,900 Deficit 2,934				2,250 Deficit 3,285	1,181 No			250 Deficit 307	50 No	25 Deficit 8	16 No			300		64 Deficit 61	38 No	
Chicago Synod	1,600 Deficit 973		4,000 Deficit 610	2,500 No	135 Deficit 270		1,000 Deficit 1,513	353 No	350 Deficit	504 O'rpaid	150 Deficit 100	100 No	400 Deficit 800	135 No	425	146	160	55 No	
Synod of Northwest	2,800 Deficit 1,332		3,500 Deficit	3,327 No	135 Deficit 77	100 No	834 Deficit 487	647 No	350 Deficit 35	398 Paid	150 Deficit 18	150 No	500 Deficit 84	500 No	425	26	160 Deficit 320		
Manitoba Synod	400 Deficit 538				500 Deficit	986			40 Deficit 80		25 Deficit 50		25 Deficit 50		50		32 Deficit 64		
Pacific Synod	600 Deficit 959		600 Deficit 381	540 No	225 Deficit 420	164 No	82 161	4	60 Deficit 120	7 No	1,250 Deficit 25		25 Deficit 50		100	5	32	84 O'rpaid	
N. Y. & N. Eng. Synod	8,500 Deficit 3,349		7,250 Deficit 5,444	5,574 No	250 Deficit 391	150 No	1,168 Deficit 1,222	870 No	1,700 Deficit 1,329	1,329 No	150 Deficit 211	79 No			950	266	368	368	
Nova Scotia Synod	504 Deficit 752		1,250 Deficit 399	778	25 Deficit 50		42 Deficit 36	31 No	50 Deficit 33	50 28	25 Deficit 35	9 No	25 Deficit 50		100 50	20	18		
Cent. Canada Synod	300 Deficit		800 Deficit	694 No	30 Deficit 60		76 Deficit	55	105	72	1,250 Deficit 50	1,250 39.50	25 Deficit 16	16 No		5			
Totals	$88,000	$87,691	$79,400	$62,244	$25.000	$15,683	$18,000	$15,661	$16,700	$14,929	$3,500	$2,935	$4,400	$3,256	$10,000	$1,806	$4,000	$3,976	
Rec'd on Deficit.				3,000						28		39		511					

No detailed figures submitted of Foreign Missions receipts.
Pittsburgh Synod figures deficit of $7,609.
Also received $1,000, account appropriation, from Pennsylvania Ministerium.

Apportioned	$249,000
One Year Receipts.....	$208,181
On Deficits	3,578
Total	$211,759

The recommendations were adopted, the Fifth recommendation having been amended by the insertion of the words "Committee on Budget and Apportionments of The United Lutheran Church" instead of "new Finance Committee", and the report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Mr. Hager, it was

Resolved, That we present to the Board on Virgin Islands Missions the $3,000 loan made to the Board by the treasury of the General Council.

The Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., of the Legal Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, read the action taken by the General Council in reference to dissolution and merger at the meeting held in October, 1917, (Resolution 2, G. C. Min. 1917, p. 25), and then read the following proposed substitute:

Resolved, That for the words "then the next convention of the General Council shall be held on the second Tuesday of November, 1918, beginning at 8 P. M., at such place as shall be determined, and shall continue in session for about two days, after which it shall dissolve, and merge in The United Lutheran Church in America, whose first convention shall then and there begin," in Resolution 2 passed on October 25, 1917, the following be substituted: then this convention of the General Council shall re-convene on the second Tuesday of November, 1918, beginning at 8 P. M., at such place as shall be determined, and shall continue in session for about two days, after which the delegates of the General Council shall join the delegates of the General Synod and the delegates of the United Synod in the South, and then the said delegates of the said three bodies shall together, as the delegates of the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

On motion of the Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Resolution 2 of the action of October, 1917, was reconsidered, and on motion, the substitute as proposed by the Legal Subcommittee was adopted by a unanimous vote.

In this connection it was *Resolved,* That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to carry knowledge of our action to the General Synod, now in session in this city, and to the United Synod in the South, now in session in Roanoke, Virginia. The following were appointed:

The Rev. Drs. H. A. Weller and F. F. Fry, and Mr. E. Clarence Miller.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the General Council was presented by the Rev. Dr. F. F. Fry:

Resolved, That the General Council hereby recommends the following Amendment to its Constitution, and that it be proposed to the District Synods for ratification, to wit:

Add to Section 2 of Article I the following sentence: The delegates elected to The United Lutheran Church in America shall *ipso facto* be the delegates to the General Council.

On motion, the amendment was approved and sent down to the Synods, there being 119 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative.

It was *Resolved,* That we reconvene at 9 A. M. on Wednesday, November 13th, and that the session adjourn at 12 o'clock noon.

The First Session adjourned at 10:30 P. M. with the use of the Lord's Prayer led by the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, followed by singing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1918, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Frank E. Jensen.

The minutes of the First Session were read and adopted as read.

The President appointed the following committee on the matter of General Council Treasurer: the Messrs. Wm. H. Hager, James M. Snyder, and F. P. D. Miller.

The Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., reported that the United Synod in the South had taken unanimous action on the Merger Resolution adopted by us at the session of last evening.

The Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., of the Legal Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, continued the presentation of his report, as follows:

Resolved, That if similar action is taken by the General Synod and the United Synod in the South, (1) the General Council shall promptly, to the fullest extent requested from time to time by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, (a) unite with the General Synod and the United Synod in the South in continuing all its activities in and through The United Lutheran Church in America, (b) convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (the General Council's) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America, and (c) cause all its (the General Council's) boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America; and (2) the General Council shall, after the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, act separately only in such matters and to such an extent as the said Executive Board will permit.

Resolved, That if similar action is taken by the General Synod and the United Synod in the South, (1) the General Council shall, whenever and as often as requested by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, do all such things and take all such action as the said Executive Board will request from time to time for the purpose of (a) carrying the last preceding resolution into effect, and (b) facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally merging the General Council and any or all of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies.

Resolved, That the General Council hereby requests and directs the corporation "Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America," and the trustees and officers of said corporation, to do all such things and take all such action in respect of all its activities, all its property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, all its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies, and all its other matters whatsoever, as may be requested by the said Executive Board in order to execute the same purpose which is evinced by the General Council in the two last preceding resolutions.

Resolved, That after the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America the General Council shall meet only at such times and places as will be designated by the said Executive Board.

Resolved, That the officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives of the General Council and its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies, and the officers, trustees, directors, committees and representa-

tives of the said corporation and its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies, are hereby authorized and directed to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce the four last preceding resolutions.

The resolutions were adopted, and the report of the Sub-committee on Legal Relation was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. George Drach presented the

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Had the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America existed one more year, it would have rounded out fifty years of foreign missionary work in the Rajahmundry Mission in India.

The intrepid pioneer, the first foreign missionary of the Lutheran Church in America, Rev. Christian Frederick Heyer, M.D., who had established the Guntur Mission in India in 1842, returned to Rajahmundry in 1869, at the advanced age of seventy-six years, to reorganize the work at this station for the General Council; and since that day this field has been cultivated by the General Council with ever-increasing zeal and success.

It remains for us, to whom God committed this sacred trust and service in His Kingdom, to give an account of our stewardship of almost fifty years, ere we transfer this field in India with its responsibility and prospects to The United Lutheran Church in America, of which we shall form a part; not indeed to relinquish our interest and effort nor, for that matter, to diminish them in the least, but rather to share them for greater efficiency and success with the spiritual children of the same fathers whose hands and hearts were once united in common endeavor for this and the adjacent Guntur Mission, now again to be reunited as one American Lutheran Mission in India.

When the Rajahmundry mission field became the charge of the General Council in 1869 it was a little thing. There were less than 200 Christian converts in and around Rajahmundry. The number of children in seven mission schools reported by Dr. Heyer was seventy-three. Joseph and Paulus, acting as catechists, and five teachers were the only native Christian helpers. There was a fairly good residence for missionaries at Rajahmundry, a dilapidated bungalow at Samulkot and small mud huts at Dowlaishwaram, Jegurupad and Muramunda. That was all that was left after twenty-five years of feeble effort at first under the direction of the North German Missionary Society, which established the Rajahmundry station in 1844, and then, beginning with the year 1850, under the control of The Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the U. S. A.

From that mustard seed there has since grown, under the nurture of the General Council, a sturdy tree with branches spreading in every direction throughout the Godavery and Kistna Districts of the Madras Presidency, India, bearing a precious and ever-increasing abundance of fruit in the continual conversion of men, women and children, body and soul, from gross, gruesome Hinduism to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Saviour of the world.

During the first year of the General Council's supervision of its Telugu Mission in India, 1869-1870, the income from all sources in America was $2,480.49, and the Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which had the work in charge, wrote in its first report to the General Council: "Your committee has with great difficulty secured the money to meet expenses. From most of the Synods not a cent has been received." During the last year of the General Council's forty-nine years of supervision from July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918, the income for foreign mission work reached the sum of $112,254.05, of which nearly three-fourths was expended for its Telugu Mission. Most of the fourteen Synods of the General Council made an earnest effort to contribute the full amount of their respective apportionments and three of them went "over the top".

The following summary of the statistical tables of our Telugu Mission for the calendar year 1917, which were compiled by our missionary, Rev Karl L. Wolters, furnished ground for grateful praise to God for His blessing upon our mission work among the Telugus in India. The territory now covered by our Mission along the banks of the Godavery river from the shore of the Bay of Bengal inland to the Rampa hills, embraces approximately 5,400 square miles, which is somewhat larger than the state of Connecticut. This field has a population of about three millions of Telugus, for the conversion of whom we share responsibility with the Canadian Baptist Mission with headquarters at Coconada, and with the Mission of the Plymouth Brethren of England with headquarters at Narsapur.

The native Christian membership of our Mission now numbers 26,037 men, women and children, of whom 13,834 are adult communicants. As many as 509 villages are being regularly reached and supplied with the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. During the year 1917 no less than 1,162 were added to the Mission by Holy Baptism and otherwise, despite the adverse conditions created by the world war. There are 642 native workers in mission employ, on whom naturally the burden of the work rests and to whom the greater credit for success is due.

The educational work of the Mission is in a flourishing condition. In 671 mission schools of all grades from the Primary to the High School, 11,970 pupils are enrolled, while in 344 Sunday-schools there are 10,066 pupils. Splendid progress in educational work has been made at Bhimawaram under the supervision of Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer, who has been able to organize both a Boarding School for Christian boys and a Boys' High School, the latter without financial aid from the Board, the natives, Hindus

as well as Christians, supplying both the material and the funds for the erection of the building.

A most encouraging feature of the mission work is the increase of native self-support. This is all the more remarkable in view of the great poverty of the lowest classes, Malas and Madigas, among whom our missionaries find their converts. They contributed during the year for benevolent purposes Rs. 7,428 ($2,500), and for the conduct of the mission work Rs. 75,463 ($25,200) were received, making a total of Rs. 82,892 ($27,799). This is a surprisingly large sum of money, and it shows that approximately one dollar is raised in the Mission for every two dollars sent to it from America.

All of our missionaries in charge of evangelistic or of educational work have been faithful and efficient. The reinforcements sent in 1915 gave impetus especially to the women's work, which includes a Boarding School for Christian girls with 229 pupils, to be elevated in the near future to the rank of a Girls' High School under Miss Agnes I. Schade's direction, assisted by Miss Agnes Christenson, eight Hindu Girls' Schools with 498 pupils in charge of Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten, Zenana work in five towns, directed by Miss Susan E. Monroe, Miss Sigrid Esberhn, Miss Mary S. Borthwick and Miss Christina Eriksson, and a Women's and Children's Hospital and Dispensary under Dr. Betty A. Nilsson's management, in which 7,134 patients were treated during the year and in connection with which a Training School for Nurses has been started, now in charge of Miss Hilma Levine, and, moreover, the Lace Industry for native women under the supervision of Miss Charlotte B. Hollerbach. As rapidly as possible the women's work is to be extended into the districts.

It is not possible nor necessary in this brief review to furnish detailed reports of missionaries concerning their work as in the usual biennial reports of the Board to the General Council, but we can assure our constituency that this Mission in India can be transferred to the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church without discredit to the General Council, its Board and its missionaries. With the material furnished by the churches supporting the work we have by God's grace been able to fashion, to strengthen, to repair where necessary and to extend in every direction a building which is a worthy monument of the foreign missionary spirit and enterprise of the General Council during its brief but beneficent history of half a century.

LIST OF OUR MISSIONARIES IN INDIA

Those who have been at work during the past year in our Telugu Mission in India, who during these trying times of warfare have been faithful, patient, zealous and withal successful at their isolated posts on the firing-line of the battlefield of Christianity against non-Christianity, and who are now to be transferred with their work to the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America, are the following:

	Name	*Station*	*Began*	*Supported By*
1.	Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Neudoerffer	Bhimawaram	1900	
2.	Rev. Karl L. Wolters	Rajahmundry	1904	Luther Leagues of Buffalo
3.	Rev. and Mrs. Oscar L. Larson	Dowlaishwaram	1906	
4.	Rev. and Mrs. Oscar V. Werner	Tadepalligudem	1911	St. John's, Allentown, Pa.
5.	Rev. and Mrs. A. F. A. Neudoerffer	Rajahmundry	1912	
6.	Rev. and Mrs. Thure Holmer	Rajahmundry	1912	
7.	Mr. and Mrs. Hiram H. Sipes	Philadelphia	1913	Pittsburgh Synod's Laymen's Movement
8.	Rev. and Mrs. Fred L. Coleman	Peddapur	1914	Trinity Church, Buffalo
9.	Rev. Edwin A. Olson	Samulkot	1915	
10.	Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Tranberg	Samulkot	1915	
11.	Agnes I. Schade	Rajahmundry	1890	Pittsburgh Synod's Women's Missionary Society
12.	Emilie L. Weiskotten	Rajahmundry	1900	Pennsylvania Ministerium's Women's Missionary Society
13.	Susan E. Monroe	Rajahmundry	1902	Supporting herself
14.	Dr. Betty A. Nilsson	Rajahmundry	1908	Augustana Women's Missionary Society
15.	Sigrid Esberhn	Rajahmundry	1908	
16.	Mary S. Borthwick	Samulkot	1912	
17.	Charlotte B. Hollerbach	Rajahmundry	1915	
18.	Christina Eriksson	Dowlaishwaram	1915	Junior Dept., G. C. Women's Missionary Society
19.	Agnes Christenson	Rajahmundry	1915	
20.	Hilma Levine	Rajahmundry	1915	Augustana Women's Missionary Society
21.	Virginia Boyer		1915	Pittsburgh Women's Missionary Society
22.	Agatha Tatge	Madanapalli	1916	Church of the Advent, New York

Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Arps, who with their daughter had been detained at Manila, P. I., since the outbreak of the war, were deported to San Francisco in August, 1918, and are there awaiting the permission of the United States Government to find some occupation in America, either in a settled pastorate or under the direction of the Board.

NEW MISSIONARIES

No new missionaries were sent to India during the past year, a renewed effort to secure permission for those under appointment to leave the United States having failed; but correspondence has been carried on with candidates and three young ladies are in preparation for service in our Telugu Mission. Miss Bertha Anderson is a medical student supported by the Women's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod. Miss Eleanor Lange is taking the special course at the Mary J. Drexel Home and Motherhouse of Deaconesses, Philadelphia. Miss M. Reinhart is at Thiel College as the ward of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Synod. Mr. Hiram H. Sipes, Jr., will finish his theological course in the Seminary at Philadelphia, be ordained and leave for India in the fall of 1919. As soon as the way opens a large reinforcement of missionaries must be sent to India.

THE JEYPORE DISTRICT

Concerning the Jeypore District, the former Breklum Mission, nothing in detail can be reported at this time. The Board has sent one thousand dollars each month for the conduct of the work in this large district, and as much as possible under the circumstances has been done with this meagre appropriation under the direction of the missionary in charge, the Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer. By a special effort over a thousand dollars were raised by the alumni of the Breklum Institute now living and working in America, to be used for repairs to the property of this mission. This mission field, with its 26,000 Christian converts, with its great possibilities of development and with the obligations we have assumed for its preservation, will be handed over with our other work to the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

OUR JAPAN MISSION

When, in 1907, the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod in the South appealed for our co-operation in Japan, we resolved to do all we could to preach the Gospel also to the Japanese, and now we have six ordained missionaries in the land of the Rising Sun, with stations located in Tokyo, Nagoya and Toyohashi. One of our missionaries has devoted himself to teaching in the Kyushu Gakuin, the Middle School at Kumamoto. We sent approximately $19,000 to Japan, of which $10,549 was for the General Work, during 1917. The expenses of this Mission will be somewhat greater during the coming year because of the higher cost of living in Japan.

The unification of the work in Japan under the management of one Board at home and one missionary organization on the field will be comparatively easy, inasmuch as there has existed from the beginning a Joint Conference of all American Missions in Japan with a common treasury and a most intimate and harmonious co-operation of the controlling boards.

The following is the list of our missionaries in Japan:

Name	*Began*	*Address*
1. Rev. and Mrs. Frisby D. Smith	1908	139 Higashi, Katamachi, Hongoku, Tokyo
2. Rev. and Mrs. Edward T. Horn	1911	59 Toba-Chu, Nakaku, Nagoya
3. Rev. and Mrs. John K. Linn	1915	On Leave of Absence
4. Rev. and Mrs. Michael M. Kipps	1916	180 Uchisuboi, Machi, Kumamoto, Kyushu
5. Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson	1916	7 Oiketcho, 1 Chome, Nakaku, Nagoya
6. Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Norman	1917	144 Haramachi, Koishikawa-ku, Tokyo

Rev. Edward T. Horn is supported in part by Trinity Church, Reading, Pa., and Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson by the Icelandic Lutheran Synod.

The work of Christian missions in Japan is difficult and slow, but holds great promise for the future not only of Japan but also of the whole Far East. From now on we are bound by reason of our unified interests in The United Lutheran Church to put more spirit and effort into our mission work in Japan.

MERGING THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS

A satisfactory agreement has been reached through a Joint Committee of representatives of the uniting Boards in regard to the organization of the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America, which is to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland with headquarters at Baltimore. The following is the proposed constitution of the new Board:

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

ARTICLE I. NAME

This Board, established under the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, Article XIII, shall be known under the name and title of the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of this Board shall be to carry on, superintend and promote the work of foreign missions in the name of The United Lutheran Church in America and in accordance with the Doctrinal Basis, Constitution, Acts and Rulings of said United Lutheran Church in America.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. This Board shall consist of twenty-one members, of whom thirteen shall be ministers.

SECTION 2. The members of this Board shall be communicant members in congregations in full synodical relations with The United Lutheran Church in America.

SECTION 3. Representatives of other Lutheran Bodies co-operating in the work may, by resolution of The United Lutheran Church in America, be admitted to advisory membership.

SECTION 4. The members of this Board shall be elected by The United Lutheran Church at a regular convention for a period not to exceed six years. At the first convention one-third of the members shall be elected for two years, one-third for four years, and one-third for six years.

SECTION 5. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church, Article XIII, Section 2.

ARTICLE IV. QUORUM

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Board shall hold its first meeting as soon as convenient after its first election at the call of a convener appointed by The United Lutheran Church.

SECTION 2. Regular meetings for the transaction of business shall be held bi-monthly at such times and places as the Board may determine.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of the Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected by the Board.

SECTION 2. The Recording Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be members of the Board; but the General or Executive Secretary or Secretaries shall not be members of the Board. (See Constitution of United Lutheran Church, Article XIII, Section 4.)

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the several officers shall be those usually belonging to their respective offices. Special duties may be prescribed by the Board as occasion arises.

ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

Subject to the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America or its resolutions, the Board shall have full power to prosecute the work entrusted to it.

It shall have authority to call, appoint, contract with and commission all missionaries, and in consultation with its missionary organizations on the fields to formulate rules for the conduct of its foreign work.

It shall also render regular reports to The United Lutheran Church and present a budget to its Executive Board to enable the same to present a budget of all apportionments to The United Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least five members of the Board, including the President, Vice-President, and also the Recording Secretary, if a member of the Board, and it shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be assigned to it by the Board.

SECTION 2. Other Standing and Special Committees may be appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS

The Board may adopt such By-Laws as shall be necessary, provided they are not in conflict with this Constitution or with the Constitution and By-Laws of The United Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote. All amendments must be proposed to the Board at least two months before final consideration, and shall not be effective until ratified by The United Lutheran Church in America.

MERGING THE MISSIONS IN INDIA AND JAPAN

Copies of the recommendations of the Joint Conference of Foreign Mission Boards, which refer to the merging of the Missions in India and Japan, were sent to them with the request that they comply with the requirements and report as soon as possible. In Japan we hold no property, but in India we have as much as approximately $200,000 invested in mission property, buildings and equipment, title to which is held by the Board's appointed attorney in India, who, under the Rules, is the treasurer of the Mission. The list of mission property presented as an appendix to the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions to the General Council in 1909, will need considerable augmentation to bring it up to date.

TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS IN INDIA

We have received the following minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee of the Rajahmundry and Guntur Missions, held at Guntur, July 1, 1918:

Members present from the Rajahmundry Mission—Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer, Agnes L. Schade, Rev. Oscar L. Larson, and from the Guntur Mission: Dr. J. Aberly, Dr. Kugler and Rev. G. A. Rupley. The Committee elected Rev. E. Neudoerffer, Chairman, and Rev. G. A. Rupley, Secretary. This Joint Committee has made the following recommendations:

1. That the present governing body of each of the two missions continue its organization as before.

2. That for the present and until it is succeeded by some permanent form of organization, there be an INTERIM REFERENCE COMMITTEE of five members from each mission, whose work shall be to consider and make recommendations to the two Conferences on matters referred to this committee by either Conference.

3. That the two Conferences hold a joint meeting of all the members of the two Conferences after the formal union in America is effected, and that

this joint meeting decide upon its own permanent form of organization, including matters of budget, subject as usual to the approval of the Board in America.

4. That the United Board directly decide matters of new work and of finance as at present; that questions which are now settled in practice shall in all ordinary cases continue; and that the assignment of missionaries to definite charges and ordination of Indian workers be entrusted to the governing bodies in India.

5. That for this year each Conference prepare its budget at the October meeting, and that these budgets be submitted to the INTERIM REFERENCE COMMITTEE with power to act, for prompt forwarding to America. Future budgets will be managed as provided in Resolution 3.

PLANS AND PURPOSES OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Some of the Plans of the Board for its members, as given below, are to be carried out as soon as the war ends, funds being already available for their realization, others are in the process of realization and still others are as yet only hopes and anticipations, but all of them appear to the Board to be involved in the adequate equipment of the missions for their important and growing work.

IN JAPAN

Property, buildings and equipment are urgently necessary for the stations at Tokyo, Nagoya and Toyohashi. It has been estimated that $25,000 is the minimum required for Tokyo and $15,000 for each of the other stations. We have a Japan Property Fund of $2,677.18, the residue of the Keck legacy, and some of the Quadri-Centennial Fund is to be used for this purpose in Japan.

IN INDIA

1. We have funds available for a Dispensary building in Rajahmundry and for a chapel in conection with the Hospital for Women and Children. The Augustana Women's Missionary Society holds $4,500 for the Dispensary and $500 for the Chapel.

2. We have some money available for a Bible Women's Training School as a Charlotte Swenson Memorial, and for a Home for Christian Widows at Rajahmundry. For the Charlotte Swenson Memorial we have an invested fund of $900 and some additional contributions, while the Augustana Women's Missionary Society holds $11,000 for these purposes.

3. We need to establish a Theological Seminary at Rajahmundry, for which Mr. W. W. Wattles, of Pittsburgh, before his death contributed

$1,000, some of which has been used for the accommodation of the present class of theological students.

4. We must develop the evangelistic and educational work in the districts.

a. At Bhimawaram. The mission urges the erection of a Hostel for Hindu students at Bhimawaram. "In no other way will we be able to influence boys to the same degree as when they are under our care in Hostels. With a good Christian man in charge of the Hostel, we would have success in winning Hindu students for Christ. About $2,000 would suffice for this object."

b. In the Districts. The Mission has urged the establishment of branch boarding schools for boys at district headquarters. It also advocates a Church Extension Fund for each district, the idea being to have at central places houses of worship where Christians could gather for special services such as celebrations and the administration of the Lord's Supper. "A starting capital of Rs. 5,000 for each district is suggested. If the first money is given by the Home Church, the funds would always be replenished by special collections from the respective districts. We could build a chapel every two or three years."

5. The whole mission field in India needs to be re-districted.

a. Jaggampet should become the headquarters for a resident missionary. A site has already been purchased and plans and specifications for a bungalow approved.

b. The large Bhimawaram District should be divided into two or three districts.

6. The Women's Work is to be extended into the Districts. A school for girls has been started at Samulkot. Another should be begun at Bhimawaram. Zenana work, which is now being done at Peddapur, Samulkot, Dowlaishwaram and Kovur, should be done at all main stations. A Branch Dispensary should be opened at Bhimawaram. The Girls' Central School at Rajahmundry is to be elevated to the grade of a Girls' High School.

7. The Lace Industry is to be re-organized and other Industrial Work should be undertaken. The mission writes: "In the Dry Districts the need is felt for some kind of Industrial School to supply the needed furniture for the mission and missionaries."

8. Churches must be built at Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram.

a. At Rajahmundry. "The Jubilee should be celebrated in a new church building at Rajahmundry. The present missionary thinks a building with Sunday-school rooms is most desirable. The approximate cost may be $35,000."

b. At Dowlaishwaram. "Dowlaishwaram asked for a new church building many years ago. The present building does not hold the people and the

congregation has no people of means. Most of them are coolies who live from hand to mouth."

9. It is imperative that the Rajahmundry station be equipped for better work among caste people. "A building should be erected for use as a Reading Room, Lecture Hall and, perhaps, Bookstore and Printery. Next to a new church at Rajahmundry this is about the biggest thing we could undertake. A site might cost Rs. 15,000, a building Rs. 50,000."

A LIST OF SECURITIES IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

In compliance with the recommendations of the Joint Conference of Foreign Mission Boards the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council submits the following lists of assets and liabilities:

3 Bonds, 6%—National Gas, Electric Light and Power Co.—Legacy of Matilda C. Houser for Foreign Missions	$2,500.00
1 Bond, 5%—American Gas Co.—Bequest of Mr. J. George Wagner for Foreign Missions	1,000.00
2 Bonds, 5%—American Gas Co., each $1,000—Bequest of Mrs. Mary A. Ratzel for Foreign Missions	2,000.00
1 Bond, 4%—Electric and Peoples Traction Co.—Bequest of Rev. B. W. Schmauk for Foreign Missions	500.00
2 Bonds, 4%—Electric and Peoples Traction, each $1,000—Gift of Unknown Donor for Foreign Missions	2,000.00
1 Bond—Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric, 1st Mortgage—Legacy of Mary Wagner for Foreign Missions	1,000.00
1 Bond, 4¼%—U. S. Government Liberty Bond—Gift of Mrs. Malinda Pallatt, Myerstown, Pa., for endowment	50.00
1 Bond, 6%—National Gas, Electric and Power Co.—Gift of Rev. Prof. Dr. J. Fry for Educating Native Pastors, India	1,000.00
1 Bond, 5%—Scranton Railway, 1st Consolidated Mortgage—Bequest of Clara Schlegelmilch, for a Hospital Bed	1,000.00
1 Certificate of Dominion Permanent Loan Co. of Toronto, Can.—Rev. John Schunk Memorial Fund for a Boy's Scholarship in India, now in Receiver's hands	500.00
2 Bonds, 5%—Philadelphia Co., 1st Mortgage and Collateral Trust —Weiskotten Memorial Fund for Educating Native Workers.	2,000.00
1 Bond, 4%—Philadelphia Electric Co., 1st Mortgage Sinking Fund, amounting to $500, and 4 Bonds, 4%—Philadelphia Electric Co., 1st Mortgage Sinking Fund, each $100—Legacy of Charlotte Swenson for Bible Women's Training School, India.	900.00
1 Bond—Nassau and Suffolk Lighting Co., 1st Mortgage—Wm. H. Trabert Foundation for Educating Native Workers, India	500.00
1 Bond, 6%—Hotel Traymore Co., 1st Mortgage—James M. Snyder Annuity Investment	1,000.00

1 Bond, 5%—Philadelphia Electric Co., 1st Mortgage—Nellie L. Williams Fund for Educating Native Workers, India..... 500.00
185 shares of the American Hardware Corporation Stock, par value $100 each—Legacy of Capt. Wm. M. Birely, "For the sole use and benefit of the Rajahmundry Mission in India."

A LIST OF UNREALIZED LEGACIES WHICH ARE REASONABLY SURE TO BE REALIZED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

308 shares of the American Hardware Corporation, par value $100. To be realized on the death of two life beneficiaries under the last will and testament of Capt. Wm. M. Birely.

The sum of $10,000, bequest of Rev. Dr. J. Nicum. To be realized on the death of his widow.

A LIST OF SPECIAL FUNDS HELD BY THE BOARD

The General Council Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering Fund for Mission Expansion and Endowment, balance on hand	$14,772.52
The Jeypore District Repairs Fund on September 1, 1918	713.85
Charlotte Swenson Memorial Fund, uninvested interest and contributions on September 1, 1918	170.88
New Rajahmundry Church Fund	100.00
Japan Mission Property Fund	2,677.18
Annuity Donation, Miss Minna Barth	250.00
Conveyances for Medical and Hospital Work	500.00

A LIST OF SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED BY THE BOARD

Jeypore District Mission Work, $1,000 a month.

Kodaikanal Rest House, $3,000 due Rev. Karl L. Wolters, at 5 per cent. interest since March, 1916.

Kodaikanal School for Missionaries' Children, $450 a year.

Kobe, Japan, School, $100 a year.

Women's Medical College, Vellore, India, $500 a year, contributed by the Women's Missionary Society.

A LIST OF SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE HANDS OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Augustana Women's Missionary Society.—1. Rajahmundry Dispensary Fund, $4,600. 2. Christian Widows' Home in India, $7,000. 3. Swenson Memorial Fund, $4,000. 4. Hospital Chapel, gift of Mrs. Marie von Gerber, $500.

Pennsylvania Ministerium's Women's Missionary Society.—Christian Widows' Home in India, $129.69.

General Council's Women's Missionary Society.—1. Medical Students' Fund, $1,053.10. 2. Women's Medical College, Vellore, India, $959.73.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. James M. Snyder, treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, submits the following summary for the period beginning July 1, 1917, and ending October 1, 1918:

Balance on hand July 1, 1917		$15,591.08
Received for General Work	$109,231.08	
Received from Legacies	5,173.01	
Received Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering	15,841.17	
		130,345.26
Total		$146,836.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and General Work, India	$104,220.65	
Salaries and General Work, Japan	23,379.21	
Home Expenses	8,283.29	
Transmitted to China Missions, Armenian Relief and Virgin Islands	76.00	
For Africa	303.00	
		136,262.15
Balance on hand October 1, 1918		$10,574.10

This is not a real balance, the Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering Fund having been loaned temporarily to the General Fund. Moreover, before the first of November as much as $23,000 ought to be sent to our Missions in India and Japan.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

1. The formation of the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America shall not terminate the existence of the present Boards of the three General Bodies uniting. Said corporate Boards shall continue as long as it may be deemed necessary to receive and turn over legacies, gifts and bequests that have been made or may be made in their corporate names, or to do anything else which they only in their corporate capacity can perform on behalf of the cause they represent.

2. The present Boards of the three Bodies uniting shall transfer to the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church their entire work, including all present and future assets, together with all records and documents, and all good will which attaches to their several spheres of activity, both at home and in the foreign fields, and also all liabilities, as soon as the contracts and agreements of said Boards shall permit.

3. All trusts and pledges shall be sacredly honored and faithfully administered by the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

4. Each board shall prepare and submit to the United Board a full exhibit, showing the location, description and value of real estate, buildings, equipment, endowments, investments, monies, legacies and other assets in this country and in the foreign fields, including the assets of auxiliary societies, especially of the Women's Missionary Societies, and likewise a full exhibit of all liabilities.

5. Each Board shall prepare and submit to the new Board a statement of its present condition, plans and purposes, a list of its foreign missionaries and native workers, together with their salaries. allowances, pensions and the length of service of each missionary.

6. Missionary literature shall be provided in as many languages as may be required, and the present periodicals of the Boards shall be transferred to the United Board.

7. The Boards shall request their missionary organizations to arrange Joint Conferences to make suggestions such as will facilitate the merging of the work in the foreign fields.

CONCLUSION

We submit this brief review as the last official report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America with the firm conviction that despite every adverse earthly circumstance, every human obstacle, every demoniac menace in times of war or in days of peace, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church of Christ"; that the King of kings, Jesus Christ, is still going forth and will go forth to the end of time "conquering and to conquer", until all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, and that our share in the mighty conflict is nothing less than the limit of our ability by gift and by prayer or by personal service in the field, if God calls us, for the duration of life.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. Abrahamson, *President.*
George Drach, *Secretary.*

The Rev. Drach also presented the following supplementary report:

Nominations for the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America

To serve for six years—Rev. Prof. C. Theodore Benze, D.D., Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski, and Mr. James M. Snyder.

To serve for four years—Rev. J. A. Weyl, Rev. A. Steimle, D.D., and Mr. Henry P. Boyer, M.D.

To serve for two years—Rev. Wm. E. Frey, and Mr. William Frederick Monroe.

In view of the co-operation of the Augustana Synod in the foreign mission work of the General Council,

Be it Resolved, That we recommend to The United Lutheran Church in America that the mission board of the Augustana Synod be requested to appoint three representatives of that Synod as advisory members of the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America;

Be it Resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America requests Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. F. Jacobson, Ph.D., and Professor C. W. Foss, Ph.D., to serve as advisory members of the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America until the Mission Board of the Augustana Synod can act.

MERGING THE MISSIONS IN JAPAN

In compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Conference of representatives of Foreign Mission Boards, the members of the United Synod Mission and of the General Council Mission in Japan held a joint session in the Japanese Union Church, Karuizawa, Japan, August 23, 1918, and adopted a Proposed Constitution of the Japan Mission of The United Lutheran Church in America.

There has existed, up to the present, a Joint Conference of American Lutheran Missions in Japan, one of which is the Mission of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Concerning the future co-operation of this Mission with the Mission of The United Lutheran Church in America, the Joint Session of the United Synod Mission and of the General Council Mission unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

CONCERNING THE DANISH MISSION IN JAPAN

We, the missionaries of the United Synod Mission and of the General Council Mission in Japan, in joint session at Karuizawa, August 23, 1918, do hereby express to our respective Boards our entire harmony with the missionaries of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, with whom we have been co-operating in the Joint Conference of Lutheran Missions in Japan; and

As we do most sincerely regret, that, on account of the merging of the Missions of the United Synod and of the General Council, the Danish Mission alone remains separate from us in organization;

Be it Resolved, That we hereby ask the Foreign Mission Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, to effect, if possible, a relationship with the Foreign Mission Society of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, whereby both the missionaries of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in Japan and the missionaries of The United Lutheran Church in America in this field, may be one body, engaged in one unified work, irrespective of distinctions in supporting Boards; and, further,

Be it Resolved, That we do hereby most cordially invite the Mission of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America likewise to take such measures as may effect continued co-operation, and, if possible, some arrangement by which it may become an integral part of one Japan Mission.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE DANISH MISSION

The missionaries of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, in special session, held separately, the same day and place, took the following action:

Whereas, It is our deep conviction that the interests of the Lutheran Church in Japan are best served if they are taken care of by one organization;

Be it Resolved, That we, the undersigned representatives of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, express our willingness and desire to enter into full and integral union with the representatives of the new United Lutheran Church in America, and that we ask them to urge their Home Board, as we will urge ours, to agree to this solution of the new conditions arising from the merger of two of the bodies represented in the present Joint Conference of Lutheran Missions co-operating in Japan; and

Be it Further Resolved, That we suggest (1) that The United Lutheran Church in America invite one or more representatives of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America to sit with their Japan Committee deliberating and deciding questions concerning the work in Japan; (2) that the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America continue to maintain the same relation with the work in Japan, supporting the same persons and the same stations as hitherto, and as many additional persons and stations in the future, as may be possible for them; and (3) that thus all workers, not only Japanese as hitherto, but also the foreign hereafter, be under the same control and subject to the same rules and regulations, thereby insuring that unity which we deem essential for the highest interests of our beloved Lutheran Church and its work of preaching the Gospel of Christ in Japan.

Signed: J. M. WINTHER,
J. P. NIELSEN,
D. G. M. BACH,
Japan Mission of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

RESOLUTIONS OF ALL AMERICAN LUTHERAN MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN

On Saturday, August 24, 1918, all the missionaries in Joint Session adopted the following:

Be it Resolved: 1. That we, all the Lutheran missionaries from America, representing the Boards hitherto co-operating in the Joint Conference of Lutheran Missions in Japan, hereby most heartily and unanimously record our deep gratitude towards our Lord and Master for thus leading us to oneness of heart, mind and purpose.

2. That we, individually and collectively, urge our Home Boards to take such action as will lead to the speedy realization of the above desires and plans.

3. That we, each and all, pledge ourselves to uphold the principles underlying the above action, praying and laboring to the end that they may be carried out to the fullest possible extent.

Signed: J. M. Winther,
C. K. Lippard,
A. J. Stirewalt,
L. S. G. Miller,
Frisby D. Smith,
J. P. Nielsen,
Edward T. Horn,
Charles W. Kepner,
Martha B. Akard,
John K. Linn,
M. M. Kipps,
S. O. Thorlaksson,
D. G. M. Bach,
Clarence E. Norman.

Inasmuch as matters contained in recommendations by the Board, bearing on matters of merger, had already been acted on, these recommendations were stricken from the report.

The following committee was appointed to consider and report on the above supplementary report by the Board of Foreign Missions: The Revs. C. Theo. Benze, D.D., George Drach, W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., and G. F. Gehr, D.D.

This committee reported as follows in the Fourth Session:

Recommendations to The United Lutheran Church in America Concerning the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Whereas, The Japan missions of the United Synod and of the General Council in joint session at Karuizawa, August 23, 1918, ask that, if possible, a relationship with the Foreign Mission Society of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America be established, whereby the missionaries of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, laboring in Japan, and the missionaries of The United Lutheran Church in America in that field, may be one body, engaged in one unified work, and

Whereas, The missionaries of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, in special session, held separately, the same day and place, express their willingness and desire to enter into full and integral

union with the missionaries of The United Lutheran Church in America, and urge their Home Board to agree to this solution of the problem of co-operation, and

Whereas, The mission work in the Virgin Islands offers an opportunity for the active co-operation of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America,

Be it Resolved, That The United Lutheran Church in America would welcome such a close relationship with the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America upon the terms of the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, as would result in the full and integral union of all American Lutheran missions in Japan and in the active co-operation of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in the mission work in the Virgin Islands, and

Be it Resolved, That the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America be empowered to carry out this resolution in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the Board of West Indies Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Further consideration of the report of the Board of Foreign Missions having been postponed until the report of the Committee on Withdrawal of Augustana Synod and the report of the Board on Virgin Islands Mission have been heard and acted on, the report was again taken up in the Fourth Session, the resolutions and recommendations adopted, and the reports received as a whole.

In this connection, the Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Facing, as the Church now does, enlarged problems which must be solved in the world; and, in view of the large interests of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Foreign Mission work,

Resolved, That the General Council respectfully asks The United Lutheran Church in America to instruct and direct its Board of Foreign Missions to appoint three of its members, as a special commission, to invite the appointment, and meet and co-operate with similar commissions from other recognized Lutheran bodies to form a Lutheran Foreign Mission Commission through which all the Foreign Mission work of the Lutheran Church may be co-ordinated and administered conjointly for and by all Lutheran bodies joining in such commission.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Council be instructed to announce this action to The United Lutheran Church at an early opportunity in its first convention.

On motion it was *Resolved,* That we express our gratification that our Foreign Mission Board has been able to conduct its work so successfully during these trying times, and that we place on record our vote of appreciation and thanks for the work done by this Board.

The recommendation by the Executive Committee that the General Council rescind its action as recorded in item *Third,* paragraphs one and two (G. C. Min. 1917, p. 77) was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann presented the

Report of the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America

DEAR BRETHREN:—The report of the English Home Mission Board printed in the Minutes of 1917, the last biennial report to the General Council, carried the work up to May 1, 1917. The present report will carry the work up to October 1st and our financial status up to November 1st of this year.

THE WORK

The new work undertaken since the last report is the establishing of the following missions: Rosemont, Bethlehem, by Field Missionary Fegley; St. James', Marinette, Wis., by Field Missionary Stump; Good Shepherd, Southampton, Pa., by Field Missionary Bertolet; the Alden-Walters parish and Hope mission, St. Paul, by Field Missionary Deck, and the new mission at New Salem, N. D., by Field Missionary Ulrich. Besides, the following congregations were taken on our funds: Trinity, Mount Pleasant; the Erie County Parish; St. Michael's, Cogan Station; the Bowmanstown-Ashfield Parish, and Redeemer, Philadelphia, Pa.

We have transferred the mission at Butte, Montana, to the Mission Board of the Augustana Synod, after an agreement satisfactory to the mission had been signed by the Field Missionaries on the ground.

The following missions have been transferred to the self-sustaining list: St. Michael's, Strasburg; Salem, Audenried; St. Paul's, Beaver Meadow; Trinity, Braddock, and Palm, Palmyra, Pa.; St. Andrew's, Atlantic City, N. J.; Redeemer, Yonkers, and Ascension, Brooklyn, N. Y.; First, Barberton, and Zion, Defiance, Ohio.

The Alden-Walters Parish, Minnesota, was organized as a self-sustaining congregation.

RETROSPECT

The English Home Mission Board, for a time called the Home Mission Committee, from the date of its organization to the present has been the

vanguard of missionary enterprise in its widest sense in the homeland. Its presidents, Passavant, Krotel, Seiss, Laird and Whitteker, have been men of large vision and consecrated wisdom.

THREEFOLD OPERATIONS

It knew no language distinctions in its missionary zeal until constrained to do so by the action of the General Council. It operated in the German language in Kentucky and Tennessee to the south and in the Dominion of Canada to the north, and laid the foundation for the work which was afterward limited to Canada by its successor. It blazed the way for the great missionary enterprise of the Augustana Synod in its days of weakness and pushed forward the Swedish work in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas and the Dakotas, and turned it over to that Synod. In the English language it has planted its outpost in the northern tier of states and in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

ITS MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION

Scarcely had it been organized until it drew up a missionary plan for a "central organization" with "superintendents and agents", held at a discount in that day of small things, and "A uniform system of mission work in the District Synods." It created a new interest and stimulated the mission work in all the synods. Dr. Ochsenford in "Documentary History of the General Council," says: "The report of the committee is a remarkable document and shows the foresight of the men who prepared it. Since the adoption of the plan of the General Council the Home Mission interest has largely increased in all the Synods, while in several the increase in contributions has been fourfold." From that hour the Central Missionary Organization of the General Council has led in every missionary advance, keeping before the Church the vastness and importance of the field, the necessity for an increasing number of men and means, stimulating the activities of the various Synods, scattering literature, establishing a missionary journal, and sending out again and again its trained workmen to arouse the Church to greater devotion.

It has kept before the Church three cardinal necessities for missionary success—more men, more money and more efficient organization. In its reports to Synods and Council, in its "Home Missionary", in its Reformation and Home Mission programs, in its tracts and in the more enterprising Speaker's Handbook, sent free, postage prepaid, to every pastor, it has increasingly labored to scatter valuable information and arouse the enthusiasm of the Church to fulfill her great mission on this western continent.

ITS MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION

It has aimed not at a centralization but at a unification of our home mission enterprise. Its plan is based on the distribution of functions to every

part of the whole Church commensurate with the responsibilities imposed on each. It pointed out the waste and useless competition in rival organizations in the same body until the prevailingly English Synods were induced to concentrate their home mission work in the General Body. It was aware of the difficulties which must be overcome and of the utter impossibility of eliminating friction from a machine in motion. But it was convinced that, as the missionary intelligence of the Church increased and the enterprise enlarged, trifling would be eliminated. It placed a Mission Committee in every Conference, a Home Mission Board in every Synod, and linked them up for harmonious and intelligent co-operation with a General Board. It awaits the approval of the local authorities in the placing of every missionary and its judgment in the conduct of each mission. Its Field Missionaries, for which it seeks specialists for the organization and care of missions in their most critical stages, are to be in close touch with the local authorities. It has its District and General Superintendents who are to study their several districts and the entire field, assist the local and field missionaries and keep the Church in touch with the work.

THREE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

The Chicago Seminary was the outgrowth of the enlarging of the work in the West. Dr. Passavant, as the first president of the Home Mission Board, labored year in and year out for its establishment, as he saw the trend of our people to the West. Its two first professors, Drs. Weidner and Roth, and their assistants received their chief support in the beginning from missions which our Board had established in the city of Chicago and vicinity. The laymen who made themselves responsible for its support were the men whom the Home Mission Board had trained in its missions, and the Synods which are now supporting and raising endowments for the same are the Synods which it has largely or entirely established.

One Field Missionary was sent to Canada for the twofold purpose of organizing a Synod, and founding a Theological Seminary in the province of Ontario, in order that we might have a nucleus through which to push the English work in the western provinces and have men with which to successfully man the missions. The German Synod of Canada, which now furnishes the major part of the support, united with the Central Synod of the Dominion in its establishment. And today, though our Board preferred the city of Toronto as the location, the whole Church recognizes the Seminary at Waterloo as a God-send to our present beginnings and as the providential forerunner of a large work in that growing territory.

Another Field Missionary was sent to the Pacific Coast with the distinct purpose of planting the Seminary in the city of Seattle, a city destined to be the New York of the West. If that seminary is now properly supported, it will furnish the men for the great work which is only in its feeble beginnings for the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Mon-

tana, the territory of Alaska and the provinces of Columbia and Alberta. There ought to be another seminary on the coast, located in the territory of the California Synod. Only the penury and short-sightedness of the Church could be an excuse for the support of only one such institution on the Pacific Coast for a field which stretches from the northern tip of Alaska to the northern tip of Mexico at present, and which ought to extend through Mexico to the southern tip of Patagonia.

THE MOTHER OF SYNODS

Three hundred and fifty-one congregations have been organized and aided by the Board, of which 256 have become self-sustaining and 135 are still on our funds.

In the Nova Scotia Synod the Board entered the capital of the province and planted the Church of the Resurrection in Halifax to raise up in the English language what had been buried in the German.

The Central Synod of Canada (with the exception of the two parishes which had crept out of the wreckage which covered the congregations, planted along the St. Lawrence from Toronto to Montreal, by preaching the faith of the fathers in the language of their children) is the direct result of the enterprise of the Board.

A very large percentage of the congregations which entered into the formation of the New York and New England Synod and almost all which have been added since are the product of General Council Home Missions.

In the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, it has transferred thirty-nine missions to the list of self-sustaining congregations since 1909 and taken upon its funds twenty-two new ones.

In the Pittsburgh Synod the work of reorganizing the missions transferred, the establishment of new ones and raising to self-sustentation the older ones, has been making splendid headway since their recent transfer, in spite of the lack of men and means.

In the District Synod of Ohio, the missions in Columbus, Toledo, Cleveland and in important smaller towns, such as Zanesville, Akron, Barberton, etc., are the fruitage of this wise planting. Since the transfer of the entire mission work of the Synod the results have been gratifying.

On the territory of the Chicago Synod, its untiring traveling missionary, the lamented Rev. Julius Stirewalt, revived the work which was ready to perish far back in 1867; the Rev. A. C. Anda, its indefatigable Field Missionary, began much of the new work, so that three-fourths of the Synod's strength has been added by the Board.

The Synods of the Northwest and Pacific, which cover the territory from the western border of Illinois to the Pacific Coast with a network of congregations in the strategical centers of that important field, are the direct result of the Board's labors.

INDIRECT RESULTS

Great and important as are these results, they by no means circumscribe the Board's activity. Its work has aroused the entire Church by its plan of advanced missionary operations and methods of work. Its splendid success has not only stimulated but constrained foreign-speaking bodies of the West to enter upon English Home Mission work with zeal and energy, and prevent still greater losses to our Church. It realized from the very beginning that it could neither do the English mission work in the East or West, and that, besides its direct activities, its great achievement would lie in compelling foreign-speaking bodies to see that their future lies in the English language. Hence the Board has been ever ready to yield its claim to others, provided they would make the most of it for the Church of our love, and move on to the many new fields which are white unto harvest.

Its missionary surveys of cities and states from coast to coast, and its description of neglected fields, has done much to force attention to the home fields, and the pressing of the Home Mission claims as fundamental to all church extension, has brought new energy to this department of church activity. In the reports to Synods and General Council, it has laid stress upon the necessity of men and means and insisted that the way to secure men was by some definite arrangement by which the claims of the office of the ministry should be presented to all the boys of our congregations and those adapted to the work put in preparation and the way to secure means was the annual every-member canvass with the duplex envelope. A recruiting center ought to be set up in every Synod, reaching into every congregation, and every man needed for the work should be called out and constrained to obey this agency of God. Whilst there is a growing conviction of the need of more adequate organization than we have yet attained to accomplish the first purpose, the every-member canvass is being generally introduced to achieve the second.

In addition the Board has stood for a better conception of the Church and its purpose and for co-operation on the Home Mission field with all other denominations, with a proper recognition of the rights of each, and for the working out of a plan by which America in its people, towns, cities, and states might be Christianized and be an exemplification to all the world of the blessedness of the religion of Jesus. We have been convinced that there was no speedier way to evangelize the nations than to evangelize the leading nation; the nation to which all are looking for guidance and direction, except by a working together of all religious forces on sound Christian principles.

THE PRESENT

There are three things—surveys of the Home Mission field, an adequate supply of men and money, and the location and stimulation as far as means would permit of theological seminaries in the mission districts—which have

been of chief concern to our Board. We have made preliminary surveys of the neglected fields covering General Council territory in the United States and Canada, we have agitated the securing of a larger income for the work of missions and the enlistment of more of our young men for the ministry and have sent out Field Missionaries to Central Canada and the Pacific Coast for the purpose of enlisting the strength of the respective districts in the support of theological seminaries.

The Synod of Canada and the Central Synod of Canada, the one body prevailingly German and the other entirely English, have been eminently successful with the seminary located at Waterloo and its educational institution.

The Pacific Synod has heroically struggled to carry on the seminary at Seattle and now has enlisted the California Synod in its support. At present the student body is necessarily small, but the prospects for bringing that institution to prominence, making it an aid in further uniting our Lutheran forces and a vital factor in a large missionary enterprise on the Pacific Coast and adjacent states, are excellent.

As this convention is preparatory to the most important single event in the history of our Lutheran Church, and at an hour when the future of our nation and of the world is in the crucible, we should courageously and hopefully face the situation and resolutely embrace the great opportunities which God has placed within our grasp and make this nation God's instrument among all nations in the commanding position in which she has been placed. At the crisis of the battle of the Marne, General Foch sent these words to General Joffre: "My right wing has been driven back, my left has been turned; my center has been smashed. I have ordered an advance in all directions." The result is well known. It was the initial step toward victory.

We ask the General Council to order such an advance and to that end approve of the following recommendations and commend them to The United Lutheran Church in America:

I. That the Home Mission Board conduct a survey of the entire territory over which they have jurisdiction, ascertain the number and character of the new missions needed to properly care for the spiritual needs of the various communities, confer with other Lutheran bodies who may have interests in any of the districts surveyed and endeavor in a Christian spirit to adjust matters in such a way that all the fields may be cared for.

II. That having ascertained the number of fields which must finally be cared for by The United Lutheran Church, they shall make an estimate of the number of missionaries needed for their proper care (taking into consideration the number which may be secured from our seminaries) and if in their judgment there is need of a special effort to enlist more men for the ministry, they shall, in conjunction with the other Boards or committees, having relation to the duty of providing an adequate ministry, institute a

canvass for this purpose and at the next convention of The United Lutheran Church report the results and the amount of money required for the work.

III. Your Board has been deeply interested in the Pacific Seminary, located at Seattle, Wash., which has now united all our Lutheran forces on the coast in its support, namely, the Pacific and California Synods. We are convinced that this is the auspicious moment to equip without delay that institution to enable it to supply an adequate and efficient ministry for the many neglected fields and for the coming millions which will necessarily be drawn to those states, rich in resources and abounding in possibilities.

We therefore earnestly ask the General Council to commend the plans and purposes as presented by the representatives of the Pacific Synod (a similar appeal being presented by the representatives of the California Synod to the General Synod) to The United Lutheran Church in America and ask it to urge its members, congregations and associations to assist in the speedy completion of the same and to invite other Lutheran bodies in that section of our land to its support under such conditions as The United Lutheran Church may prescribe.

PROSPECT

He is blind to the signs of the times who does not see the greatest opportunity of the ages for the Christian Church, especially in America. This war has tested science and philosophy and found all human wisdom vain. Every movement which our Government is now making for the preservation of the manhood, resources and powers are along the line of Christian principles. The temptation of the saloon and the brothel must be removed from our sailors and soldiers. Christian chaplains and the help of the Y. M. C. A. must be sought in our cantonments, camps and hospitals. The Christian principle of co-operation in place of the Christless principle of competition is being enthroned in all business and trade. The wastage of competitive railroad management, etc., is superseded by co-operation under one impartial head. Labor is to receive its just reward and be properly housed and have elevating social contacts. The bells of our towns and cities are to be rung and prayer for the nation is to come from the hearts of Christ's followers. All nations are looking to America in this crisis.

Is there in this no incentive for the Church of Jesus Christ? Is there not sufficient Christian statesmanship in the Church to enable her to embrace this unprecedented opportunity? Our nation is ready to hear more and more of this Christ whose mighty principles are uniting our strength and lifting us to nobler manhood! Let the Church turn the heart of this nation fully to the only fountain of hope and it will never return to the broken cisterns of this world. We stand for the kingdom of God which is righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. Entrance into it is repentance from sin and faith in the Saviour. Let us show Him in our words

and deeds. America will recognize Him as her hope. In His cross she will conquer. And having found Him, she will bear Him to the nations.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. KUNZMANN, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions

FROM MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1918.

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Balance on hand, May 1, 1917		$11,908.58
Money received by the Secretary, and deposited as follows:		
General Fund	$92,181.10	
Women's Missionary Societies, for Special purposes.	2,511.35	
Wisconsin Field Missionary Fund	300.00	
Philadelphia Field Missionary Fund	101.00	
Repaid loans on church properties:		
St. Paul's, Dunton, L. I.	500.00	
Endowment:		
Trinity, Seattle, Wash. $1,000.00		
St. John's, Duluth, Minn. 1,743.60		
	2,743.60	
Interest from Estate Daniel Grim, Deceased	23.74	
Interest on deposits	68.80	
Interest on Endowment Fund	121.87	
Detroit Emergency Fund	46.00	
Rent of Portable Chapels	135.00	
Sale of scrap paper	1.66	
Chicago Synod, special collection at Synod	23.07	
Synod of the Northwest, Emergency Fund	500.00	
Halifax Relief Fund	20.29	
Legacies:		
Estate Kate Hower, Deceased $475.00		
Estate John B. Albright, Deceased 3,261.13		
Estate S. A. B. Stopp, Deceased 1,000.00		
Estate Cecelias Gongaware, Deceased 105.00		
Estate Wm. Hower, Deceased 139.05		
	4,980.18	
Winnipeg Relief Fund	40.00	
Augustana Synod Home Mission Board, Return of money expended in establishing Butte, Montana, mission	635.56	
Quadri-Centennial Committee	12,719.49	
Loans less discounts	17,221.59	
		$134,874.30
		$146,782.88

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Salaries and expenses of missionaries and all other employes	$107,201.81	
Office Expenses	900.00	

Printing	1,467.80	
Incidentals	40.32	
Interest on mortgage on Cambridge Springs, Pa., property	90.00	
Insurance on Cambridge Springs property	16.05	
Appropriation to Pacific Seminary	2,000.00	
Special appropriation to St. Paul's Church, Guelph, Canada	300.00	
Special appropriation to Church of Ascension, Lancaster, Pa.	100.00	
Special appropriation to Grace Church, Conneaut, Ohio (Dec., Jan. and Feb.)	60.00	
Special appropriation to Synod of the Northwest	100.00	
Payment of loan made by Mr. Albrecht to Church of Good Shepherd, Philadelphia, and repaid to Board in 1912-13	81.00	
Synod of the Northwest, Emergency Fund	255.00	
John J. Sly, services Buffalo Convention	160.00	
Attorney's fee in Duluth matter	219.70	
Appropriation to Home Missions Councils, 1917	113.50	
Appropriation to Home Missions Council, 1918	175.00	
Detroit Emergency Fund	33.00	
Expenses of Board members in connection with meetings	356.71	
Payment of loans and discount charges	23,592.16	
Bioren & Co., for purchase of Liberty 4% Bond, Endowment Fund	1,000.00	
Loan to Mission at Winnipeg, for Endowment Fund	8,357.38	
		$146,619.43
Balance on hand, November 1, 1918		163.45
		$146,782.88

There is due from the General Fund the following:

Estate Kate Hower, legacy		$475.00	
Estate of S. A. B. Stopp, legacy		1,000.00	
Endowment Fund:			
Uninvested cash, May 1, 1918	$484.88		
Balance Quadri-Centennial Fund	4,362.11		
Duluth mortgage repaid	1,743.60		
Dunton, L. I., mortgage (paid on account)	500.00		
		7,090.59	
			$8,565.59

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance reported in last account		$14,517.88
Quadri-Centennial Committee	$12,719.49	
Estate S. A. B. Stopp, Deceased	1,000.00	
		13,719.49
Total		$28,237.37

The above amount is invested as follows:

Bond and Mortgage, St. John's Church, Duluth, balance	$2,256.40	
Note and Mortgage, Our Redeemer Church, Aurora, Ill.	1,000.00	
Mortgage, First English Church, Winnipeg	1,881.00	
Mortgage, First English Church, Winnipeg	8,357.38	
B. & O. R. R. 1st Mortgage 50-year Gold 4% Bond.	1,000.00	
Lehigh Valley Gen'l Mortgage Gold 4½% Bond.	4,000.00	
Mortgage on lots in Brooklyn	500.00	
Special Deposit in Commonwealth Title Ins. & Trust Co., representing Geissenhainer Fund	152.00	
Liberty Loan 4% Bond	1,000.00	
Uninvested balance	8,090.59	
		$28,237.37

All the above Bonds are registered as to principal in the name of the Board.

In addition to the above the Board holds a mortgage of $2,000 against the church property at Eighth and Luzerne Streets, Philadelphia, representing money collected and held for use in the City of Philadelphia.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

The Board is indebted as follows:

Pelham Trust Company	$14,500.00
Barclay-Westmoreland Trust Co.	1,100.00
	$15,600.00

E. Aug. Miller, *Treasurer.*

At a meeting of the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council, held in Holy Trinity Church, New York City, N. Y., November 13, 1918, the following nominations for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension Society of The United Lutheran Church in America were made:

Six years—Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, E. Aug. Miller, Esq.

Four years—Rev. G. F. Gehr, Mr. W. H. Hager, Mr. F. D. Bittner.

Two years—Rev. M. L. Wagner, Rev. G. H. Rubrecht, Mr. J. B. Franke.

Mission Statistics

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Organized.	Members May 1, 1917	Members Oct. 1, 1918	Sun. School May 1, 1917	Sun. School Oct. 1, 1918	Value of Property	Parsonage
Allentown	St. James	F. C. Wunder	1913	215	291	238	291	$26,000	
Bethlehem	St. Matthew's	J. S. Renninger	1903	126	119	115	76	12,000	
Bethlehem	Rosemont	Chas. K. Fegley	1918	.....	.....	.....	98	.....	
Berwick	St. John's	A. S. Deibert	1892	90	96	119	109	8,000	
Jersey Shore	First	C. B. Lindtwed	1867	78	99	102	87	5,000	Y
Mildred	Trinity	A. L. Smith	1905	138	102	75	64	5,425	
Cogan Station	St. Michael's	E. E. Stuckert	1896	120	65	102	85	.....	Y
Lancaster	Redeemer	M. A. Kurtz	1908	122	124	105	109	22,300	
Hershey	Trinity	S. S. Garnes	1910	113	145	184	248	9,000	
Philadelphia	Mediator	A. C. Sumons	1905	172	180	312	337	15,000	
Philadelphia	Holy Spirit	H. C. Offerman	1918	93	102	79	102	10,000	
Philadelphia	Immanuel	Wm. L. Katz	1912	101	138	176	200	4,000	
Philadelphia	Prince of Peace	J. I. Meck	1914	144	155	150	156	17,000	
Philadelphia	Grace	P. Z. Strodach	1905	217	232	183	156	22,500	
Philadelphia	Gloria Dei	W. C. Sandt	1917	52	75	46	72	15,000	
Philadelphia	Redeemer	A. T. Michler	1890	124	157	118	134	23,000	
Manoa	Trinity	Chas. C. Gauger	1901	52	52	58	58	13,000	Y
South Langhorne	Redeemer	E. R. Cassaday	1906	57	51	56	66	7,000	
Camden	Christ	A. H. Steinhauer	1902	135	138	167	200	9,000	Y
W. Collingswood	St. Luke's	U. S. G. Bertolet	1916	38	71	32	63	13,000	Y
Haddon Heights	Ascension	U. S. G. Bertolet	1916	45	51	58	63	4,200	
Southampton	Good Shepherd	U. S. G. Bertolet	1917	.....	17	.....	22	2,000	
Trenton	St. Bartholomew	Wm. Penn Barr	1914	95	96	139	167	10,000	Y
Wildwood	Trinity	C. A. Linn	1906	122	138	95	85	9,500	
Folsom	St. James	J. M. Kern	1848	91	91	63	49	6,000	Y
Shillington	Grace	R. W. Hufford, D.D.	1900	129	126	170	167	4,000	
Overbrook	Redeemer	R. W. Hufford, D.D.	1904	43	46	126	140	2,000	
Reading	Peace	E. C. Crouthamel	1890	94	83	112	118	3,000	
Mt. Penn	Faith	E. C. Crouthamel	1887	106	93	158	164	2,000	
Wyomissing	Atonement	John L. Deaton	1916	22	57	60	106	1,000	
Scranton	St. Paul's	Bernard Repass	1895	107	101	89	80	10,000	
Palmerton	Trinity	Luther Coffman	1911	288	147	208	175	6,000	
Bowmanstown	Trinity	S. M. Wenrich	1890	145	186	163	183	5,000	Y
Ashfield	Dinkey Mem.	S. M. Wenrich	1857	120	125	45	85	10,000	
	34—Missions	29—Missionaries	....	3,594	3,749	3,903	4,315	$310,925	

NOVA SCOTIA SYNOD

Halifax	Resurrection	W. M. Weaver	1915	111	128	78	76	$5,500	
Midville	Mt. Zion	Vacant	....	142	.....	29	.....	1,800	
Hunford	Emmanuel	Vacant	....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Pleasant River	St. George's	Vacant	....	25	.....	.....	.....	1,700	
Newcombville	St. Mark's	Vacant	....	17	.....	.....	.....	1,900	
Baker's Settlement	St. Luke's	Vacant	....	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	6—Missions	1—Missionary	....	427	128	107	76	$10,900	

SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA

Brantford	St. Matthew's	A. A. Zinck	1903	48	73	53	43	.....	
Montreal	Redeemer	Ph. Lamartine	1905	66	70	36	40	$24,000	Y
Ottawa	St. Peter's	H. L. Siegner	1910	61	69	68	81	25,000	Y
Dunbar	St. Luke's	Carl Sorensen	1878	80	80	59	59	7,000	Y
Guelph	St. Paul's	Vacant	1908	62	62	83	83	10,000	
Toronto	St. Paul's	P. Mueller	1917	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	6—Missions	5—Missionaries	....	317	354	299	306	$66,000	

NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND SYNOD

New Britain	Reformation	F. W. Schaefer	1906	179	217	129	174	$7,000	
Johnson City	St. Paul's	Luther B. Scheehl	1917	40	41	23	22	2,000	
Merrick	St. John's	Wm. Steinbicker	1916	35	37	39	35	.....	
Smithville, So.	Grace	Wm. Steinbicker	1916	38	27	40	32	500	
Baldwin	St. Peter's	Wm. Steinbicker	1916	30	35	33	42	2,500	
Brooklyn	Covenant	G. U. Preuss	1910	385	491	710	920	50,000	Y
Brooklyn	Mediator	Vacant	1912	64	66	131	134	10,000	Y
Dunton	St. Paul's	C. G. Toebke	1914	111	88	165	180	3,000	
East Orange	Holy Trinity	G. C. Loos	1900	145	153	95	85	10,000	
	9—Missions	6—Missionaries	....	10,271	155	1,365	1,624	$85,000	

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Organized.	Members May 1, 1917	Members Oct. 1, 1918	Sun. School May 1, 1917	Sun. School Oct. 1, 1918	Value of Property	Parsonage
Ashtabula	First	C. L. V. Dozer	1908	42	34	65	55	$12,000	Y
Conneaut	Grace	F. P. Welkner	1901	72	32	65	37	6,000	
McKean	Trinity	J. A. L. Mensch	1897	.....	86	.....	14	2,000	
Mill Creek	St. Peter's	J. A. L. Mensch	....	.....	87	.....	49	1,000	
Franklin Center	St. John's	J. A. L. Mensch	....	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	
Lawrence Park	Christ	C. A. Dennig	1913	29	63	147	170	8,000	
Girard	St. John's	Vacant	....	.....	69	.....	32	1,000	
North East	St. Peter's	Chas. E. Read	1896	84	90	53	54	10,000	
Wesleyville	Messiah	Chas. E. Read	1916	31	38	21	42	1,500	
Farrell	Grace	H. F. Gruhn	1902	187	218	175	164	6,000	
Mt. Pleasant	Trinity	E. L. Leatherman	1882	134	170	130	153	8,000	
Saltsburg	St. John's	F. W. Ash	1876	120	121	91	101	8,500	
Saltsburg R. D.	St. James	F. W. Ash	1801	42	39	32	33	4,000	
Saltsburg R. D.	Fennellton	F. W. Ash	1859	27	28	32	.....	2,000	
Sloan	.....	F. W. Ash	....	.....	.....	.....	64	.....	
Smithton	Memorial	D. D. Miller	1916	82	81	92	77	.....	
Pitcairn	St. Paul's	W. H. Baker	1903	74	89	77	86	2,500	
Trafford	St. Mark's	W. H. Baker	1911	20	24	45	52	.....	
Pittsburgh	Epiphany	I. M. Wallace, Ph.D.	1910	116	119	115	112	4,500	
Pittsburgh	Grace	Vacant	1888	130	114	140	112	10,000	
Sewickley	St. Paul's	R. R. Durst	1916	82	77	54	61	5,500	
Springdale	St. Mark's	E. G. Ruff	1867	64	74	87	98	15,000	
Tarentum	Grace	G. L. Weibel	1886	127	151	151	170	18,500	
Woodlawn	House of Prayer	C. E. Schweikert	1875	56	63	68	70	16,000	
Bridgeport	Trinity	R. G. Rosenbaum	1897	130	57	129	55	15,000	Y
Moundsville	First	Vacant	1905	81	41	41	40	5,000	
Wheeling	Christ	G. W. Critchlow	1910	92	103	143	134	15,000	Y
Coudersport	St. Paul's	Vacant	1886	71	100	34	42	8,200	Y
Osage	Good Hope	J. F. C. Rupp	1806	45	42	.....	.....	10,000	
Wellsville	Zion	J. F. C. Rupp	1908	32	33	36	27	5,000	
Annapolis	St. Paul's	J. F. C. Rupp	1814	33	34	24	24	2,000	
Struthers	St. James	C. A. Dennig	1907	41	41	51	51	3,500	
Niles	Christ	C. A. Dennig	1917	17	17	40	40	.....	
Salem	Holy Trinity	C. A. Dennig	1917	40	53	53	66	3,500	
	34—Missions.	18—Missionaries.	....	2,101	2,414	2,191	2,285	$209,200	

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO

Columbus	Hilltop	J. M. Wenrich	1916	36	52	52	82	$1,000	
Toledo	Redeemer	H. H. Creager	1916	37	61	78	86	1,500	
Cleveland	Emaus	R. H. Gerberding	1909	119	126	118	133	7,000	
Cleveland	Salem	Vacant	1915	29	30	68	64	4,500	
Paulding	St. Paul's	E. J. K. Schmidt	1901	93	79	78	71	10,000	Y
Paulding	Zion	E. J. K. Schmidt	1870	41	39	.....	.....	1,200	
Fremont	St. Mark's	Vacant	1914	119	170	98	130	21,000	
Bowling Green	First	R. E. Reed	1916	45	47	35	36	1,000	
	8—Missions.	5—Missionaries.	....	519	604	527	602	$47,200	

CHICAGO SYNOD

Chicago	Epiphany	C. R. W. Kegley	1904	110	139	133	139	$16,000	
Chicago	St. James	Vacant	1899	95	97	136	136	11,000	
Chicago	Atonement	Vacant	1902	115	142	128	142	5,000	
Chicago	Belmont Park	Wm. Boatman	1915	.....	53	118	156	2,000	
Oak Park	Salem	P. C. Wike	1911	61	83	88	78	2,500	
Aurora	Redeemer	Vacant	1906	97	113	118	124	20,000	Y
Mishawaka	First	Vacant	1901	109	109	87	87	25,000	Y
Detroit	St. Luke's	F. L. Lineberger	1917	49	46	75	51	7,000	
	8—Missions.	4—Missionaries.	....	636	782	883	913	$88,500	

SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Organized.	Members May 1, 1917	Members Oct. 1, 1918	Sun. School May 1, 1917	Sun. School Oct. 1, 1918	Value of Property	Parsonage
Superior	Holy Trinity	A. O. Soholm	1905	112	163	146	170	$7,500	
Beloit	Atonement	G. C. Smith	1905	106	110	78	80	26,500	
Cedarburg	Advent	C. A. Kipps	1904	93	119	52	91	15,000	
Neenah	St. Paul's	A. J. Sommer	1912	170	215	198	218	21,000	
Milwaukee	Resurrection	Jas. F. Beates	1914	94	102	188	192	9,500	Y
Milwaukee	Incarnation	C. P. Weiskotten	1917	.....	50	.....	87	1,000	
Appleton	Trinity	F. L. Schreckenberg.	1915	55	93	42	46	7,000	Y
Clintonville	St. Mark's	W. C. Stump	1917	.....	46	.....	73	.....	
Marinette	St. James	W. C. Stump	1918	.....	31	.....	47	.....	
Winnipeg	First	M. J. Bieber, D.D.	1905	200	65	80	73	45,000	
Livingston	Redeemer	Karl W. Becker	1906	52	63	66	78	15,000	Y
Moorhead	First	Vacant	1915	60	64	63	70	.....	
Killdeer	Trinity	Webster H. Clement.	1917	50	59	.....	63	.....	
Billings	.....	W. A. Zundel	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Minneapolis	Holy Communion	H. L. Bosserman	1909	139	180	291	272	8,000	
Minneapolis	St. James	Wm. C. Drahn	1915	85	122	168	245	7,000	
Winona	Faith	Edw. R Wicklund	1917	38	95	47	124	4,000	
St. Paul	Hope	Luther B. Deck	1918	.....	34	.....	58	.....	
	18—Missions.	16—Missionaries	....	1,254	1,611	1,419	1,987	$166,500	

PACIFIC SYNOD

Berkeley	St. Michael's	E. A. Trabert	1913	84	65	87	72	$13,000	
La Grande	Zion	Vacant	1912	57	57	27	27	1,500	
Medford	Zion	W. R. Morenz-Oeser.	1897	90	103	72	62	3,500	Y
Nehalen	Grace	Theo. Schoenberg	1915	45	47	.....	.....	2,500	
Seattle	University	Theo. Schoenberg	1917	32	44	22	20	.....	
Bellingham	St. Mark's	G. H. Hartwig	1903	103	51	.....	64	3,500	
North Yakima	Trinity	Andrew Engeset	1914	40	58	38	62	5,500	
Everett	Trinity	M. E. Boulton	1904	55	64	55	72	2,000	
Tacoma	St. John's	D. W. Michael	1891	74	89	63	64	15,000	Y
Vancouver	St. Paul's	F. W. Bussard	1902	80	109	111	111	10,000	
Victoria, B. C.	Grace	P. E. Baisler	1909	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000	
Vancouver, B. C.	Redeemer	P. E. Baisler	1913	39	46	38	76	13,750	
	12—Missions.	9—Missionaries	....	699	733	513	630	$90,200	
Grand Totals	135—Missions	93—Missionaries	....	10,574	11,530	11,207	12,738	$1,074,425	

On motion of the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., it was *Resolved,* That inasmuch as the General Council has heard with much interest recommendations I and II of our Board, we refer them to the Mission Board of The United Lutheran Church for consideration. Recommendation III was postponed until the Fourth Session, when the Pacific Synod brought in a recommendation on the same subject. A fourth recommendation was, on motion, omitted from the report. The report was adopted as a whole in the Fourth Session.

The Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D., presented the

Report of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society

The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society hereby respectfully reports to the General Council that on Nov. 4th, 1918, which was too late to incorporate the action in the printed documents of this session of the General Council, the response of the Judges of the Philadelphia Courts was then presented to the Church Extension Board, approving the Society's petition for dissolution, on account of the merger, and decreeing such dissolution, as soon as the Church Extension Society's assets and funds can be transferred to the trustees of the General Council, by the necessary legal processes.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. FRY, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

The following committees on audit were appointed in the Third Session. To audit the accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions: the Messrs. Henry F. Heuer and Fred C. Hassold; for the accounts of the Board of Home Missions, the Messrs. John M. Snyder and Harry Hodges. Permission was given these committees to present their reports to the officers of the General Council, who shall have power to act.

The Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., presented the

Report of the German Home Mission Board

The report is expected as brief "as the subject matter to be presented will allow." Part of the "subject matter" we have to present—the field—is about 2,000 miles long, extending from Winnipeg west pretty nearly to the Pacific Coast; and then there are a number of appendices, thousands of miles distant from the main body.

The number of individual missions at the present time under the supervision of our Board is 27, of which eleven are located in the Province of Saskatchewan, five are located in the Province of Alberta, four are located in the Province of Manitoba, one is located in the Province of British Columbia, three are located in the State of Oregon, one is located in the State of Washington, one is located in the State of North Dakota, one is located in the State of Texas. These 27 missions represent 55 congregations or preaching stations with approximately 6,500 souls. Possibilities for extending missionary operations are unlimited, provided means and men are furnished, the vast Canadian Northwest especially presenting a Lutheran mission field of rare opportunities. In view of the scantiness of both, men and

means, in the past, and of the vigorous opposition by other Lutheran bodies, the fruits of our labor have been very gratifying, owing chiefly to the fine spirit of missionary zeal and self denial on the part of our men, who in the discharge of their duty unflinchingly endure the hardships of pioneer work, inclemency of climate and want of the common comforts of life for the pittance of a salary averaging $700. I have been in personal contact with most of our missionaries. I know the conditions, under which they labor, from personal observation. I have witnessed their cheerful willingness to uphold the banner of the Lutheran Church in these distant and isolated outposts of the country in the face of every kind of handicap and adverse condition, and I am pained to see the indifference of large parts of the Church in regard to their services. They are God's heroes, but the Church does not give them their due credit. They represent the "Ecclesia plantanda," but the "Ecclesia plantata" does not come up to its obligations towards them. Their chief reward is their consciousness of doing the Master's work in the spirit of the apostles.

One of the reasons may be found in the fact that the means of pastoral ministration so far has been almost exclusively the German language. Hence the work is suspected of being foreign, un-American in character and not deserving of equal active interest, as the purely English work commands. The injustice of such a view cannot be too strongly emphasized. If these thousands and thousands of Lutherans are to be taken care of by our Church at all, the use of the German language in church and "Seelsorge" is the "conditio sine qua non." The time will come, and is coming now, when the transitory character of the German as a means of reaching these people will become more and more manifest. As to our missions in the Pacific States, the English language is used by all our pastors besides the German, in some predominantly. But as far as the Canadian Northwest is concerned, whose extremely numerous Lutheran population is almost exclusively foreign-born, the German language is still quite indispensable. And here we stand at the very source of another of the peculiar difficulties with which your Board is confronted. The General Council has made no provision for the training of men who are properly equipped for the service on our field. During the short period, while the official agreement with the Kropp Seminary lasted, we managed to meet our most urgent needs in this respect. Since Kropp has gone out of existence, we are in a worse predicament than ever. We are utterly unable to keep our field properly manned. Aggressive work is almost out of the question. There are open doors, but lack of laborers prevents us from entering. There are golden opportunities, but no adequate means of meeting them. The General Council has commissioned us to operate the field, but seems to be unable to supply its chief wants. The result: where we have tilled the soil and done the planting, others, who have come after us, are reaping the harvest. Again and again in our reports to the General Council we have loudly voiced this most perplexing impediment to a successful continuation of our work, but ways and

means of how to remedy the trouble were never even discussed. With this question, where to get the men for our field, the whole German Home Mission work of the General Council stands and falls. A satisfactory answer to this question means a marvelous development; without it eventual disaster is inevitable.

A faint ray of hope comes to us from the College of Saskatoon. It is the direct fruit of the lessons learned in the past. The inability of the General Council to supply the men has forced the Manitoba Synod to make an attempt to train them right on the field. The work was started in 1911. A modest, though substantial and handsome building was erected in South Saskatoon, the very centre of our mission field. Your Board has helped financing the undertaking by an annual grant, amounting to $1,700 for the current year. The number of students has been small. The whole undertaking so far may be characterized as a continuous struggle against countless odds. Nevertheless some gratifying results have rewarded the heroic efforts of our brethren. Two young men were graduated and qualified for university matriculation last spring and have now entered upon the theological course. It is a small and modest beginning, but provided it receives the deserved support of the Church it will undoubtedly prove to be the right step in the direction of saving the whole missionary situation. Apart from the fact that our Eastern seminaries do not supply the men for our work, it is evident that men born and trained right on the field are the best fitted for it. But the Manitoba Synod, whose congregations with few exceptions are small and poor and dependent upon the financial assistance of the Board, is utterly unable to bear unaided the burden of supporting the institution. If it is to exist and fulfill its momentous mission, it requires the warm-hearted interest of the Church at large. The Director of the College is the Rev. H. W. Harms. Two other professors, one of whom is the pastor of our Saskatoon church, assist him. The President of your Board is a member of the College Board.

In all probability this will be the last report we have the honor to submit to the General Council. Hence a brief retrospect may not be out of place. Exactly thirty years ago the present German Home Mission work was taken charge of by the General Council. An appeal from a number of Lutherans in the city of Winnipeg to the Canada Synod caused the president of the latter to visit the distant field. The organization of Trinity Lutheran Church at Winnipeg, the first church of our faith in the Canadian Northwest, was the immediate result. Rev. H. C. Schmieder, now of Roxboro, Philadelphia, was the first pastor, the pioneer of northwestern mission work. His operations extended far into the interior of the province of Manitoba. For a short while the Canada Synod retained charge of the field, but its extension soon exceeded the Synod's abilities and the German Home Mission Board of the General Council agreed to take care of it. Since then a steady development has marked the history of German Home Mission work. The Synod of Manitoba and Northwest territories, one of

the tangible fruits of the Mission Board's efforts, was organized in 1897, and is at the present time numbering 32 pastors with about 65 congregations and preaching stations, located in the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with outposts in North Dakota and British Columbia. A number of isolated congregations in the states of Washington and Oregon have been under the supervision of the Board for many years, and just about one year ago missionary operations were started in Texas upon the request of the old Texas Synod. To carry on the work the General Council has regularly apportioned various amounts to the Board, increasing with the extension of the field to $25,000, which has been the latest annual grant. Although we have hardly ever received more than 50 per cent. of our apportionment, by the exercise of strict economy we have managed to meet our most urgent obligations. It cannot be denied, however, that this forced "strict economy" has frequently worked to the disadvantage of the cause, especially since other Lutheran bodies entered the field and by reason of their abundance of men and means proved very powerful and dangerous competitors. But our most serious drawback was by no means financial stringency, but as stated before, that trying, ever more perplexing lack of laborers, which has often forced us with aching heart to let first class opportunities slip out of our reach and has practically made the Board's entire activity a permanent struggle for existence.

Negotiations respecting the position, activity and scope in the German Home Mission Board in The United Lutheran Church are being carried on at this writing, and we have no reason to doubt that they will turn out quite satisfactorily. We are looking forward to The United Lutheran Church with a strong confidence in its willingness and ability to give all due consideration to that particular branch of church work which we represent, in behalf of which the General Council has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and which, in spite of countless handicaps and powerful opposition has yielded a splendid harvest to our Church. On the ground of our past experiences we have become firmly convinced that a little more generous treatment than we were able to secure heretofore, cannot fail to bring abundant returns. In order to meet one of our crying needs, a substantial increase of the average salary of our missionaries, our annual grant should be by several thousand dollars higher than in the past. But most warmly and urgently we commend to the good will of The United Lutheran Church the College and Seminary at Saskatoon. All other efforts to recruit the rank and file of our laborers in the past having failed, the support and solid establishment of this institution is absolutely essential to a successful continuation of German Home Mission work on the field we have occupied and operated during the past three decades.

Thanking the General Council for the financial aid which has enabled us to do our Christian duty to thousands of fellow Lutherans, who without our assistance would have been lost to our Church, and confidently throw-

ing ourselves into the strong arms of The United Lutheran Church, on which we invoke the blessings of God, I have the honor to be

In behalf of the German Home Mission Board,

E. HOFFMAN,

President of the Board.

The report was adopted in the Third Session, gratitude was expressed for the work done, and gratification on account of the balance in the Treasury of the Board.

There was referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act, the matter of the appointment of auditors to make an audit of the accounts of the various boards.

The Rev. C. M. Jacobs, D.D., presented the

Report of National Lutheran Commission

The General Council's representatives in the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare would respectfully report that the annual report of the Commission on the work done during the first year of its existence is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution before the adjournment of the United Church.

Beside the work specifically entrusted to the Commission by its constituent bodies the Commission has engaged since the beginning of September in the preliminary steps toward the opening of the field of the Church in the industrial centers, the so-called "War Production Communities". This work has been undertaken at the request of the National Lutheran Council and will be handed over to that body as soon as the Council shall have perfected its organization. All moneys expended for this purpose are carried in a separate account with the National Council and will be refunded to the treasury of the National Commission.

The report of the Treasurer of the National Commission presented to the Executive Committee Nov. 7, showed the following figures:

Total receipts		$1,238,709.13
Paid to Lutheran Brotherhood	$146,880.92	
Advanced to National Council	16,614.87	
Expended by Commission	541,109.82	
Total expenditures		689,605.61
Balance on hand		$549,103.52

Of the total receipts $1,218,075.30 was received as the result of the nation-wide campaign of February, 1918, and $140,729.88 remains unpaid on pledges made at that time. The total subscribed within the General Council in that campaign was $337,828.17, of which $124,060.17 was subscribed by the Augustana Synod.

With the ending of the war the National Commission is looking forward to the ending of its work. It was organized as an emergency measure and with the passing of the emergency its reason for existence will cease. The nearness of that time is measured by the rapidity with which the demobilization of the army shall be accomplished.

Your representatives are deeply grateful for the united support which the General Council has given to the work of the Commission. They would fail in their duty if they did not at the same time make mention in this report of the full unanimity with which the whole Commission has at all times acted. It has been, throughout its existence, of one mind and one heart, and its operations have never been disturbed by any friction among the bodies that compose its membership. It has succeeded in uniting for one purpose all the Lutheran bodies in America with one single exception and your representatives believe that it has been the instrument in the hand of God for the furtherance of the cause of Lutheran union in America.

We beg leave to propose the following action:

Resolved, That the General Council recommend to The United Lutheran Church the appointment of eight members to be its representatives in the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

The report was adopted.

A telegram conveying to the General Council greetings from the United Synod in the South was read and the President was authorized to send a reply.

The Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., read a "Night Letter" which had been sent to the United Synod in the South.

The Rev. Drs. H. A. Weller and F. F. Fry, and Mr. E. Clarence Miller, the committee appointed to convey greetings to the General Synod, reported through the Rev. Dr. Weller the performance of the duty as assigned.

The session adjourned at 2 P. M. with the use of the Lord's Prayer in which the Council was led by the Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1918, 3 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D.

The minutes of the Second Session were read and approved as read.

The presence of the committee from the General Synod to report the action of that body on the merger was announced. The following were the committee: Hon. John L. Zimmerman, and the Rev. Drs. H. L. Yarger and J. A. Singmaster. The report of the committee was to the effect that the General Synod was now ready to merge with the General Council and the United Synod in the South. The President made response to the report of the committee.

On motion, it was *Resolved,* That we now hear the Uniform Report of the Joint Ways and Means Committee on merging the general bodies:

Uniform Report of the Several Committees on Ways and Means

Your Committee on Ways and Means appointed to co-operate with similar Committees from the other two general bodies in effecting the union of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, and the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, in accordance with action taken by them severally and instructions given would now offer the following report:

The several committees representing the general bodies named met in Baltimore, Md., February 6th, 1918, and organized a Joint Committee on Ways and Means by the election of Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., as President, and Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D.D., as Secretary. Sub-Committees were appointed to which were referred the several necessary parts of the work of the Joint Committee, and the acts of the Committee from time to time, have been taken after hearing and considering the reports of these several Sub-Committees.

Other meetings of the Joint Committee have been held as follows: Baltimore, April 3rd and 4th; Atlantic City, July 10th-12th; Harrisburg, August 23rd; Philadelphia, October 3rd and 4th; and Baltimore, October 22nd and 23rd.

It having been officially reported that the proposed Constitution had been ratified by a sufficient number of the Synods of each of the several bodies to assure the participation of these bodies in the organization thereunder

of The United Lutheran Church in America, the Joint Committee proceeded to make all the necessary arrangements for such organization. The several Boards and other agencies of the three bodies have co-operated with commendable spirit in the solution of the problems of the Joint Committee, and have so shaped the matters of which they have charge as to provide for the complete merging of these Boards and agencies in due time.

New York City has been chosen by the Joint Committee as the place for the gathering of the three general bodies for the purpose of organizing The United Lutheran Church in America, and November 14th and 15th as the time.

Arrangements have been made for the three general bodies to be in session simultaneously in the city of New York on Thursday, November 14th, 1918, the sessions to begin at 1:00 o'clock P. M. and to continue as long as may be necessary to complete arrangements for merging. The General Synod will meet in St. James Church, 73rd Street and Madison Avenue; the General Council in Holy Trinity Church, 65th Street and Central Park West; and the United Synod in the Church of the Advent, 93rd Street and Broadway.

The following recommendations are submitted by the Joint Committee through us, your Committee, with the request that they be adopted in order to secure uniformity of action and a proper order of procedure:

A. FOR ACTION BY THE THREE BODIES PRECEDING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

1. That each of the general bodies shall give notice to the other two not later than noon of Wednesday, November 13th, of its purpose to meet in New York on November 14th, as arranged for by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

2. That each general body shall be in session in the city of New York, at the place appointed for its Convention, on Thursday, November 14th, from 1:00 P. M. to 3:00 P. M.

3. That each general body, as soon as it shall have assembled as provided for above, shall appoint two Commissions of five members each, one to each of the other bodies, which Commissions shall be the bearers of such communications as it may desire to forward to them with regard to their readiness to meet with it Thursday afternoon and Friday morning to take the initiatory legal steps necessary to the incorporation of The United Lutheran Church in America.

4. That when these Commissions shall have reported to their several bodies that they have performed the duty assigned to them, each body may adjourn at its pleasure subject to the call of its President or Executive Committee.

5. That the delegates of each general body be instructed to assemble on

Thursday, November 14th, at 3:30 P. M., in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at 65th Street and Central Park West, and on Friday, November 15th, at 9:00 A. M., in the Engineering Societies' Hall, Nos. 25-33 West 39th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

6. That at such time as they may elect during their last Conventions prior to the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America, the General Synod and the General Council shall each amend the second of the "Resolutions" passed at its session in 1917, by substituting for the words, "After which it shall dissolve and merge in The United Lutheran Church in America, whose first Convention shall then and there begin," the following: "After which the delegates of the General Synod (or General Council) shall join the delegates of the General Council (or General Synod), and the delegates of the United Synod in the South, and then the delegates of the said three bodies shall together as the delegates of the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America."

7. That at its next meeting, in November, the United Synod in the South shall change its "Resolutions," (see Minutes of United Synod, page 13) so as to make them read as follows:

"*Resolved,* That the delegates of the United Synod shall on Thursday, November 14th, 1918, at 3:30 P. M., join the delegates of the General Synod and the General Council, and then and there the said delegates of the said three bodies shall together, as the delegates of the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

"*Resolution* 5. The biennial Convention of the United Synod shall be arranged for the purpose of merging into The United Lutheran Church in America at a time and place convenient to enable its delegates to meet with the delegates of the General Synod and the General Council in the first Convention of the new body on or about November 14th, 1918.

"*Resolution* 7. The Boards and other agencies of the United Synod, whose consolidation with similar Boards and agencies in the other bodies is contemplated in this union, shall proceed to effect such consolidation on such terms and in such manner that the respective interests which they hold in trust shall receive equitable consideration."

8. That each of the three general bodies shall take the following action at its meeting immediately preceding the first meeting of The United Lutheran Church in America:

"*Resolved* 1. That the—Name of body—will to the fullest extent requested from time to time by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America;

(*a*). Unite with the other two general bodies joining in the merger in

continuing all its activities in and through The United Lutheran Church in America.

(*b*). Convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (Name) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to The United Lutheran Church in America, or to the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America; and,

(*c*). Cause all its (Name) boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to, The United Lutheran Church in America, or to the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America."

"*Resolved* 2. That the—Name—will henceforth act separately only under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America."

"*Resolved* 3. That the—Name—will do such things and take such action as the said Executive Board may request from time to time for the purpose of:

(*a*). Carrying the preceding resolutions into effect; and

(*b*). Facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally merging the—Name—and any or all of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies."

9. That the General Council shall take the following action:

"*Resolved,* That the General Council hereby requests and directs the corporation "Trustees of the General Council of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America," and the trustees and officers of the corporation, to do all such things and take all such action in respect of all its activities, all its property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, all its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies, and all its other matters whatsoever, as may be requested by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America in order to execute the same purpose which is evidenced by the General Council in the last three preceding Resolutions, found under the foregoing Section 8."

10. That each of the three general bodies shall take the following action:

"*Resolved,* That the officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives of the—Name—and its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies are hereby authorized and directed to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce the three last preceding Resolutions found under the foregoing Section 8."

Your Committee advises that all these recommendations be approved and complied with and the action requested taken by this body.

11. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommends, further, that if it should be found that the district synods of either one of the general bodies, under its present basis of representation, would be entitled to either more or less delegates at its Conventions, than the same synod would be entitled to at the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America under the basis of representation provided for in the Constitution, Article V, Section 1, the general body with which such synod is connected shall consider the advisability of so amending its Constitution as to make the number of delegates to both Conventions the same, and also to provide that the delegates elected by its district synods to the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America shall also be, by virtue of that fact, the delegates to its own Conventions."

Your Committee advises that this recommendation be approved in substance, and that the necessary steps be taken to carry it into effect.

12. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means further recommends that each of the three general bodies shall take the following action:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of—Name—that the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America be effected under the Constitution approved by the three general bodies and the district synods connected with them, and in accordance with the rules proposed by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means."

Your Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by this body.

B. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following is an outline of the business that must be transacted by the unincorporated United Lutheran Church in America, November 14th and 15th, as furnished by the legal adviser:

1. At the first business meeting to be held on Thursday, November 14th, at 3:30 P. M., in the Church of the Holy Trinity.

(*a*.) Election of President and Secretary of the unincorporated body (temporary officers). One of them must be a resident of the State of New York.

(*b*). Roll call of delegates.

(*c*). Reading the written prescribed notice of application for incorporation.

2. At the second business meeting and at such subsequent business meetings as may be agreed to:

(*a*). Roll call of delegates.

(*b*). Passing of a resolution to the effect that The United Lutheran

Church determines to become incorporated under the laws of the State of New York by the name of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommends that this be done.

(*c*). Resolution that twelve persons be elected who, together with the three officers of The United Lutheran Church, shall be the first trustees of the corporation. One of these trustees must reside in the State of New York.

(*d*). Election of permanent officers.

(*e*). Election of twelve trustees who, together with the officers, will also constitute the Executive Board. (See Constitution, Article XI, Section 1.)

(*f*). The execution by the officers of the necessary papers applying for incorporation.

(*g*). The adoption of Constitution and By-Laws, which must be adopted as a whole and by a two-thirds vote.

(*h*). The ratification of the election of officers.

(*i*). The election of boards, commissions and committees, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the body.

More detailed information will be furnished in the Report of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to be made to The United Lutheran Church.

C. CONTINUATION AND ACTION OF THE GENERAL BODIES AFTER THE MERGER

The legal counsel of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means advises that in order to safeguard all property rights, and properly carry into effect the actual merging of all the interests and activities of the three general bodies, it will be necessary for them to continue their corporate existence at least for a limited time.

The Joint Committee therefore recommends:

1. That after the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America the three general bodies uniting in said organization shall, unless the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America requests otherwise, hold their biennial conventions at the same place as, and immediately preceding, the regular Conventions of The United Lutheran Church. At such meetings they shall elect officers and boards for the ensuing biennium and shall transact such other legal business as may be necessary.

2. That the following provisions for simultaneous sessions of the several general bodies after the organization of The United Lutheran Church be observed, unless the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America requests otherwise, and unless the action called for in the following paragraphs shall have been taken previously:

(*a*). That each of the general bodies shall, subject to the directions of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, order all of its boards, commissions and committees, and other agencies, to meet and transfer their cash, their accounts and the management of the work committed to them severally, to the corresponding boards, commissions and committees, etc., of The United Lutheran Church, and shall take proper receipts for the same; provided, that the boards, commissions, committees, etc., of all the general bodies make a like transfer.

(*b*). That, subject to the directions of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, each of the three general bodies shall order its treasurer to transfer any cash that may be in his hands, after providing for all debts and obligations, together with a statement of the assets of said general body, to the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church, and shall take his receipt for the same; provided, that the treasurers of all the general bodies make a like transfer; and provided, also, that The United Lutheran Church shall undertake to discharge all obligations that may be incurred by any one of the general bodies in the completion of the merger.

(*c*). That the Secretary of each general body be instructed to furnish a correct record of the proceedings of the body to the Secretary of The United Lutheran Church to be published with its Minutes.

(*d*). That a copy of such record of each general body be furnished also to the Secretaries of each of the other two general bodies to be printed and distributed with their Minutes.

(*e*). That when the several boards, commissions, committees and other agencies of the several general bodies shall report to their respective bodies that the duties provided for under item 1, above, have been performed, such general body shall instruct its boards, commissions, committees, etc., to continue to act as receiving agents, and to transmit such funds as may come into their hands for the use of The United Lutheran Church, to the corresponding board, commission, committee, or other agency of the said United Lutheran Church, and to hold subject to the order of their own general body all funds designated for its uses.

(*f*). That when the treasurer of each general body shall report the duty assigned to him, under item 2 above, performed, he shall likewise be continued in office as a receiving agent, whose duty it shall be to transmit to the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church such funds as he may receive for its use, and to hold subject to the order of his own general body all funds which he may receive designated for its uses.

(*g*). That each general body shall instruct its pastors and through them the treasurers of all its congregations, and all its people, to whom the funds should be sent for the several causes and activities of The United Lutheran Church, and its President shall see that such instructions are published also in the Church paper, or papers.

(*h*). That each general body shall appoint the treasurer of The United

Lutheran Church to act as its treasurer, also to receive and disburse all monies intended for the use of The United Lutheran Church under the authority and direction of the said The United Lutheran Church.

(*i*). Likewise, that each general body shall appoint and constitute the boards, commissions, committees, and other agencies, of The United Lutheran Church to be also its boards, commissions, committees and agencies, to administer its work as represented in and by these several boards, commissions, committees and other agencies of The United Lutheran Church, and under the authority and direction of the said The United Lutheran Church.

(*j*). That after the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America, the several general bodies shall, pursuant to the directions of the Executive Board, meet only to transact such business as may be necessary in order to safeguard their property rights and other interests, and to prepare for the merging of themselves completely in The United Lutheran Church in America.

(*k*). That each of the three general bodies shall take action committing the completion of the work of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, and providing also for the discharge of its own Committee on Ways and Means.

(*l*). That, having completed the above program of business, the several general bodies shall adjourn to meet at such time as may be designated by each of them, pursuant to directions of the Executive Board.

Your Committee advises that these recommendations be approved and complied with.

D. FURTHER INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF A MORE GENERAL CHARACTER

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means, at its several sessions, took the following action:

1. With respect to the certification of delegates to the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America:

"The Secretaries of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South shall present to the Secretary *pro tem* of The United Lutheran Church the credentials presented to the last conventions of each of the first named three bodies by the duly enrolled delegates thereto and such credentials shall be received and accepted as the credentials of the persons named therein as delegates from their respective district synods to the convention of The United Lutheran Church, provided that, thereafter, any necessary changes or corrections in the list of enrolled delegates to the convention of The United Lutheran Church may be made when directed by a vote of those enrolled as aforesaid, and the Committee on

Program shall arrange for expression on the part of the delegation from each district synod of its assent thereto."

Your Committee recommends that the Secretary of this body be directed to carry out these instructions.

2. With respect to the personnel of the several synodical delegations to the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church:

"(1). The individuals certified to the Secretary *pro tem* by the respective Secretaries of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South as the accredited and accepted delegates of component Synods, participating in the last preceding regular convention of their respective general bodies, shall, without regard to the basis of representation which will obtain after the first Convention, be the true and lawful delegates to, and for the transaction of the business of, The First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

"(2). The personnel of the delegations of component Synods, participating in the last preceding regular conventions of the three respective general bodies now merging, shall not be disturbed nor altered by such component Synods, or any officers or committees of such component Synods, but only by vote of the enrolled members of such delegations present at a meeting, called by the acting chairman of the same, prior to the opening of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America to effect "necessary changes and corrections".

"(3). Subject to paragraph "4", the determination of "necessary changes and corrections" in the personnel of accredited synodical delegations acting in the last preceding regular convention of any of the general bodies now merging shall be predicated upon the following circumstances:

(*a*). Vacancies caused by death.

(*b*). Vacancies caused by unavoidable absence.

(*c*). Vacancies caused by the removal of a recognized delegate participating in the last preceding regular convention of his general body, from a parish, a pastorate, or an institutional incumbency in one local or district synod into a parish, a pastorate, or institutional incumbency of another local or district synod, even though connected with the same general body.

(*d*). Vacancies caused by unexcused absence from the meeting of the synodical delegation called and held for the effecting of "necessary changes and corrections" in the delegation.

"(4). In voting the 'necessary changes and corrections' and in the choice of individuals to fill existing vacancies in their delegation, each synodical delegation shall determine its own procedure, in accordance with the Constitution of its own Synod.

"(5). When a synodical delegation has voted the necessary changes and corrections in its personnel, the corrected list of names of delegates shall be certified by the chairman of said delegation to the Secretary of its re-

spective general body, and the names of the individuals so certified shall be certified, as above provided, to the Secretary *pro tem* of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, as the regularly accredited delegates of that general body to the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

"(6). No credentials additional to those presented to the Secretary *pro tem* by the Secretaries of the general bodies merging, will be received or considered on the floor of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America."

Your Committee recommends that these suggestions be approved and referred to our several synodical delegations for their guidance in filling vacancies.

3. With reference to paying the expenses of delegates.

The Joint Committee found, on inquiry, that the practice in the three general bodies in this matter has not been the same. With a view to reaching as great uniformity as is practicable, at the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church, it took the following action:

"*Resolved*, That it is the judgment of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means that the several general bodies should provide for the expenses of their delegates to the first meeting of The United Lutheran Church in America, the method of making such provision to be determined for itself by each general body."

Your Committee would recommend that this judgment of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means be approved by this body and that the Executive Committee be instructed to take the matter under consideration and to recommend such action as it may deem best.

4. With reference to nominations for the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church:

Inasmuch as it will be necessary to elect the first Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church before the body can be incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means has requested that the Executive Committees of the three general bodies nominate six ministers and six laymen who, in addition to the three officers, will make the required number of fifteen. (See the Constitution, Article XI, Section 1.)

These nominations are to be made on the following basis: two ministers and three laymen are to be nominated by the Executive Committee of the General Synod, three ministers and two laymen by the Executive Committee of the General Council, and one minister and one layman by the Executive Committee of the United Synod in the South. It will be necessary also to designate the term of office of each person nominated so that two ministers and two laymen may be elected for two years, two ministers and two laymen for four years, and two ministers and two laymen for six years. (See Constitution, Article XI, Section 2.)

Your Committee recommends that this request of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means be complied with, and that the Executive Committee of this body be directed to make the required nominations and, in conference with the Executive Committees of the other two general bodies, to arrange as to the term of office of each person nominated.

In addition to the nominations to be made by the Executive Committees of the several general bodies for the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, opportunity shall also be given, on the floor, to these general bodies to make nominations.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The first recommendation had already been carried into effect. Recommendations 2 to 5 inclusive were adopted. Recommendations 6 to 11 inclusive had been adopted in the First Session. The 12th recommendation was adopted by a rising vote, which was unanimous. Sections B and C were adopted. Section D was adopted after item 4 had been amended as it appears. The report was adopted as a whole.

It was *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the General Council now make out a certified list of the delegation of the General Council to The United Lutheran Church in America.

On motion of the Rev. C. M. Jacobs, D.D., it was *Resolved,* That we instruct the Executive Committee to present its nominations for the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America to us at the session of tomorrow morning.

There was presented to the General Council the following

Order of Procedure at the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America

In the uniform action taken by the three general bodies providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Ways and Means, and prescribing its duties, it is directed that this Joint Committee "shall arrange and perfect all details incident to the formation of the union and the holding of the first Convention" of The United Lutheran Church in America.

In the discharge of these duties the Joint Committee, at its first meeting appointed a Sub-Committee on Program for the First Meeting. This Sub-Committee reported from time to time as occasion demanded. The substance of these reports as adopted by the Joint Committee is now published in this form for the information and guidance of the delegates to The United Lutheran Church in holding the first Convention of that body and

transacting the various items of business necessary to the proper launching of the merger. The general order of procedure herein outlined, and the several steps provided for, have been arranged under the advice of the legal counsel employed to direct the Joint Committee especially in the matter of incorporation.

A. THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Service for the Holy Communion will be held on Thursday, November 14, 1918, at 8:00 P. M., in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 65th Street and Central Park West.

The service will be conducted by the Presidents of the three general bodies uniting in the merger, and they will also have charge of the administration of the Communion.

Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., will preach the sermon, by invitation of the Joint Committee.

At this service the delegates will be seated under the direction of the Joint Committee of Arrangements, without reference to the Synods or general bodies to which they belong.

B. BUSINESS MEETINGS

I. The First Business Meeting

The first meeting for the transaction of business will be held in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 14, 1918, at 3:30 P. M.

The meeting will be called to order by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, who will also conduct a brief devotional service.

Following this, the order of business will be:

1. The election of a temporary President and Secretary, one of whom must be a resident of the State of New York.

2. Calling of the roll of delegates furnished by the Secretaries of the three general bodies, and the noting of absentees.

3. Reading by the Secretary *pro tem* of the written prescribed notice of the application for incorporation.

4. Adjournment.

II. The Second Business Meeting

The second meeting for the transaction of business will be held on Friday, November 15, 1918, at 9:00 A. M., in the Auditorium of the United Engineering Societies' Building, 25-33 West 39th Street, near Fifth Avenue.

At this meeting the order of procedure will be:

1. Seating of delegates, under the direction of the Joint Committee of Arrangements, in accordance with the rule of seniority.

2. Devotional Service, conducted by the President *pro tem,* or by some one appointed by him.

3. Calling of the roll of the Synods of the three general bodies, by the Secretary *pro tem,* in the order of seniority.

As the roll is called the chairman of each synodical delegation will respond for his Synod by announcing the number of delegates from that Synod and handing the Secretary a certified list of the same.

The roll thus formed shall be the official roll of The United Lutheran Church in America.

4. Passing a resolution to become incorporated under the laws of the State of New York by the name of The United Lutheran Church in America. This resolution will be framed by the legal counsel. The vote must be taken by rising and the number of votes for and against recorded.

5. Passing a resolution to elect six ministers and six laymen who, together with the permanent officers, shall be the first trustees of said corporation. One of these trustees must reside in the State of New York.

6. Election of permanent officers. The rules prescribed in the By-Laws, see Section IV, Elections, shall govern this and all other elections.

7. Election of six ministers and six laymen as provided for under paragraph 5. The Executive Committees of the three general bodies have been asked by the Joint Committee to make nominations for this election, and have been so instructed by their respective bodies.

8. Second reading of the written prescribed notice of application for incorporation and the signing of the necessary papers by the temporary President and Secretary.

9. The taking of these papers to Albany by the legal counsel, who will see that they are properly presented to the necessary state officials.

10. The appointment of a nominating committee to which shall be referred all nominations made by merging boards and other agencies for coordination and report to The United Lutheran Church, and which shall make all nominations for this first Convention not otherwise provided for, said committee to report as required. It shall provide printed ballots for the elections.

11. The appointment of tellers to conduct the several elections.

12. When notice has been received that the body has been incorporated it will be legally competent to transact business. Pending such notice business may be transacted, but it must be formally ratified by the body after its incorporation. Among the items to receive attention at this session, or at such subsequent sessions as may be agreed to, will be:

13. The reading of a short Historical and Explanatory Statement by the chairman of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

14. The presentation of the report of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by its Secretary, and action thereon.

15. The adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws. The legal counsel advises that these must be adopted as a whole, a two-thirds vote being required.

16. Submission of Constitutions of boards, and other agencies.

17. Report of Nominating Committee.

18. Nomination and election of boards, commissions, and elective committees and such other business as may properly come before the body.

Subsequent business meetings will be held at the same place on Saturday and in the following week as agreed to by The United Lutheran Church, until all its business has been transacted.

C. The Public Meeting

The Public Merger Meeting will be held on Friday evening, November 15, 1918, in the Grand Auditorium of the Hotel Astor, 44th Street and Broadway.

At this meeting the following order of procedure will be observed:

1. The delegates from each of the three general bodies uniting in the merger will assemble in places convenient to the Auditorium to be designated by the Joint Committee of Arrangements.

2. At the appointed time the delegates will enter the Auditorium in the following order:

(1). The Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

(2). The Local Committee of Arrangements.

(3). The officers of The United Lutheran Church.

(4). The delegations from the Synods of the General Synod in the order of their organization.

(5). The delegations from the Synods of the General Council in the order of their organization.

(6). The delegations from the Synods of the United Synod in the order of their organization.

3. A processional hymn will be sung as they enter.

4. The seating of the delegations will be under the direction of the Joint Committee of Arrangements.

5. The President of The United Lutheran Church will preside and conduct the opening exercises.

Special musical features will be arranged for by the Joint Committee of Arrangements.

6. The chief addresses will be made by the Presidents of the three general bodies at the time of entering the merger. They will speak in the following order:

(1). The President of the General Synod.

(2). The President of the United Synod.

(3). The President of the General Council.

In case the President of any one of the three bodies should be unable or indisposed to make the address he may designate one of the delegates from his body to take his place.

7. Greetings and responses.

8. Closing exercises conducted by the presiding officer.

The Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., presented a verbal report in reference to the National Lutheran Council. The following written report has since been received:

Report in re National Lutheran Council

The course of events and circumstances which have pressed upon the Church since last the General Council met in biennial convention has been so rapid and insistent that all things which had to be done to keep step with their progress could not be delayed until the reconvening of our body in this adjourned session.

As in the time preceding the last regular meeting of the Council problems too stupendous for individual synods to meet successfully had, by common recognition of the need, called into being the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, and quickly set it in the way of most efficient service on behalf of the whole Lutheran Church in America, great questions which could be met only by a common expression on the part of the Church in America, and beyond the scope of said Commission to undertake to solve, were rapidly pressing for solution. The matter of finding a channel for authoritative expression was becoming insistent. Parallel with this moved another insistence—the common recognition of a lack of some co-ordinating instrument which might hope to bring some semblance of harmony and co-operation into the activities of our Lutheran Church in America, already too long distracted by synodicalisms and local issues, and weld her energies into a united force that could compass and solve the problems of the Church and set her in her true position as a living factor in the life of the nation and of the race.

Attempts which had been sporadically made at some kind of inter-synodical federation; the union effected by the three great Norwegian Lutheran Synods in the Northwest; the proposed merger of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South (now about to be happily consummated); and other movements and undertakings of men of the same fundamental faith and confession have been and are living evidences of a recognition that Providence is pressing great

things and great opportunities upon the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for solution and administration.

The question of ratification by its constituent Synods of the action of the General Council to join in the merger upon the basis of the Confessional Declaration and Proposed Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, emphasized the opportunity before the whole Lutheran Church in America for an earnest introspection, as well as an outlook upon the need of the world for the message and the service which Lutheranism was providentially challenged to perform. When, among the constituent Synods of the Council, the Augustana Synod alone decided that it "could not now join the General Council in a merger with other Lutheran General bodies under the Constitution proposed for The United Lutheran Church in America", and resolved, instead, to appoint a committee to consult and act with similar committees from other Lutheran general bodies in America, looking toward the formation of a Synodical Lutheran Federation, of a loose character, which should have merely conferential and no legislative nor administrative functions, those in the Church who had been brought face to face with the larger problems—national and international in scope —which were calling to the Lutheran Church in America for answer (and which the limitations of the scope of the work of the National Lutheran Commission "for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare" prevented that Commission from answering), were impressed with the immediate necessity for the organization of some Lutheran representative body which should possibly embrace all and speak and, within proper limitations, act for the Lutheran bodies in America which could agree upon a catholic confession of the Lutheran faith and a co-ordination of Lutheran praxis.

It became evident also that, unless some such catholic Lutheran American representative body existed, the Church would come short of her great calling at this juncture of human history; and most likely dissipate her energies in smaller and sectarian matters affecting group-life, raciality, nationality, or provincial interests alone.

With such and related problems pressing, it was proposed to and ordained by the Executive Committee of The National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare to ask the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, the President of the General Council, to issue an invitation to the executives of all Lutheran general bodies and Synods in America to consent to meet in a Conference of Presidents, and representatives appointed by them, at Harrisburg, Pa., on July 17th, 1918. Representatives of The National Lutheran Commission were also invited to be present. To this invitation every general Lutheran body or Synod in America responded very cordially, and the Conference was held as appointed. After a presentation of some of the more pressing problems, and a most fraternal discussion, a committee was appointed to draft a "Statement of Purposes" for such a catholic Lutheran American representative body which should be enabled, by common consent of its constituent members, to speak and act in great common matters for

the Lutheran Church in America; and, when such "Statement" had been drawn up, the committee should appoint a date and place for another meeting of the Presidents and their appointed representatives, to consider the same and form such organization, under articles of co-operation to be drafted and agreed upon.

The Committee met in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 1st, 1918, and formulated the following STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (I quote the Statement in its revised form, as finally adopted by The National Lutheran Council):

To speak for the Lutheran Church and give publicity to its utterances on all matters which require an expression of the common conviction and sentiment of the Church.

To be the representative of the Lutheran Church in America in its attitude toward or relations to organized bodies outside of itself.

To bring to the attention of the Church all such matters as require common utterance or action.

To further the work of recognized agencies of the Church to deal with problems arising out of war and other emergencies; to co-ordinate, harmonize and unify their activities; and, to create new agencies to meet circumstances which require common action.

To co-ordinate the activities of the Church and its agencies for the solution of new problems which affect the religious life and consciousness of the people, (*e. g.*, social, economic, and educational conditions).

To foster true Christian loyalty to the State; and to labor for the maintenance of a right relation between Church and State, as distinct Divine Institutions.

To promote the gathering and publication of true and uniform statistical information concerning the Lutheran Church in America.

The Committee called the next meeting of Presidents and their representatives in Chicago, Ill., on September 6th, 1918. At that meeting all general bodies of Lutherans in America, except alone the Synodical Conference, were actively represented. The Statement of Purpose, and Articles of Co-operation were adopted and The National Lutheran Council was formally organized with one representative for every 100,000 communicant members or one-third fraction thereof from each Lutheran general body or Synod co-operating. The Reverend H. G. Stub, D.D., was elected President; Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Vice-President; Rev. Lauritz Larsen, Secretary; and, with these and a Treasurer to be elected by the Executive Board, Revs. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., F. H. Knubel, D.D., G. A. Brandelle, D.D., F. Richter, D.D., and H. A. Weller, D.D., constitute the Executive Board.

The Executive Committee met later and appointed the Reverend Lauritz Larsen to be the representative of The National Lutheran Council to the Government and its departments in Washington; and Reverends F. H. Knubel, D.D., and H. A. Weller, D.D., to be its representatives before the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The matter of the relation of the Lutheran Church in America to Lutherans in other lands is

pressing; and it is to be anticipated, with the news now flashing over the world that the great Central European armies, engaged in the awful world war, are capitulating, that practically immediate steps will have to be taken to appoint commissioners of the Lutheran Church in America to make a survey of the Lutheran Church interests and needs in disintegrating empires and newly forming republics, and to be ready to offer counsel and afford ecclesiastical relief and succor to all of the true faith in all lands where the rehabilitation of the Lutheran Church and its co-ordination with new forms of political governments will demand our fraternal interest and activity. No man, at this instant, can presage the mighty things for which the great Head of the Church has called the National Lutheran Council into being.

It remains, therefore, for the General Council, at this final convention of its separate existence, to realize its instrumentality in this great consummation; to ratify the acts of its President and his appointed representatives in the calling and organization of The National Lutheran Council; to approve its Purpose and Form of Organization; to commend it to The United Lutheran Church in America, that representatives may be regularly appointed and authorized to act; and to call the attention of the whole Church in America to the worthiness of the Council to have the ready support, the cordial co-operation, and the continued, sincere prayers of all who confess with us the faith once delivered to the saints, and professed and held fundamentally by all who subscribe to The Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WELLER.

The following resolution, presented by the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Council has heard with great gratification of the organization of a National Lutheran Council, and the statement of its ends and purposes, and hereby approves and endorses the part taken by officers and members of this body in the formation of said body, and commends it to the sympathy and co-operation of all our members.

The Secretary, reporting for the Executive Committee, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President be instructed to call a meeting of the Executive Committee at some convenient time after the convention in which to take up all unfinished business needing to be attended to, and that the General Council give the Committee authority to act in such matters.

The Executive Committee having left to the General Council to decide in reference to printing the statistical part of the report of the Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering Committee, it was on motion decided that this part of the report shall not be printed in the minutes.

The following committe was appointed to examine memorials and resolutions adopted by Synods when resolving to go into the merger: The Revs. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., C. J. Cooper, D.D., F. A. Kaehler, D.D., J. E. Whitteker, D.D., M. Voelker, Fred. H. Bosch, and Mr. Henry F. Heuer. This committee reported as follows in the Fourth Session:

The Committee on "Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by Synods when resolving to join in the Merger" respectfully reports that requests have been laid before it from the New York Ministerium, the Canada Synod and the Manitoba Synod concerning more definite provisions in the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church for protection of their churches from un-Lutheran practices. The subject has been considered and satisfactory answer made by the Committee on Ways and Means preparing for The United Lutheran Church.

While the consideration of the subjects presented is clearly outside the province of the General Council, nevertheless, the Committee expresses its sympathy with the Synods concerned in the earnest desire that the discipline of each Synod be respected by all the other Synods in the same body as the Constitution of The United Lutheran Synod prescribes.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. N. R. Melhorn, D.D., presented the

Report of the Board of Publication

The Board of Publication begs leave to submit the following final report:

Regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and quarterly meetings of the Board have been held since our last report to the General Council.

The personnel and policy of operation has been unchanged during the twelve months' period covered by this report. The economic situation has not been conducive to expansion of business. We have been perforce content to conserve our resources and the good will of the Church during a period when production was most difficult and most expensive.

Prices to our patrons have been increased, but only to the degree necessary in a measure to meet costs. Propaganda to increase the circulation of

periodicals has been lessened on account of war conditions. Very great appreciation is due our Manager, Dr. W. L. Hunton, who has worked "over hours" and unceasingly and with many handicaps to make our work effective. A spirit of commendable loyalty prevails among the employes of the House, which deserves favorable mention.

In drafting this final report the Board has deemed it worth while to refer to the progress of its publication interests during the past twenty years. These data are an index of the expansion of the General Council. The original Board which obtained the Charter in December, 1897, deserves the lasting gratitude of our Church. Of these ten applicants for incorporation, three are still in active connection with its work, Dr. Samuel P. Sadtler, Mr. James J. Finley and Mr. James N. Mohr. Mr. Charles B. Opp, the first manager, occupies an emeritus relationship to the institution.

The volume of business twenty years ago approximated an average of $3,000.00 per month. During the year ending June 30, 1918, the receipts from publications and commodities handled in the House were nearly five times that amount, $177,785.46 being the total receipts. The original small equity and large mortgage at No. 1522 Arch Street has now been replaced by complete ownership of seven buildings on Seventeenth Street at the Parkway, Philadelphia. This real estate has a valuation on a very conservative estimate of $200,000.00. At present there are dwelling houses on the site, the income of which slightly exceeds the cost of holding. In case the location is deemed suitable for a publication building, as this Board now considers it, construction can be undertaken as soon as the present unfavorable conditions abate. If reorganization makes another location desirable, there will be ready sale for this magnificent plot of ground.

In addition to the real estate above mentioned, there is the invoice of the business carried on by the Board—its stock of commodities, periodical publications, copyrights, plates, and other items. Of these the valuation is in a round sum $150,000.00. The publication interests of our General Council can thus be seen to total about $350,000.00. There may well be a feeling of pride among us in relation to these results of twenty years of management.

However, the business is far smaller in extent than present conditions in the General Council would justify, and has undoubtedly reached the point of progress which would require extension of organization and enlargement of objectives. Considerable attention has been given to this phase of the Board's possibility by its members. But when they saw the probability of merging for which this meeting will provide the final authority, they realized that no actual steps could wisely be taken until that plan should be realized. There was, however, the need to consider very carefully the safeguarding of present interests and the expansion involved by the enlarged clientage of The United Lutheran Church. This consideration has taken form in a Charter and By-Laws which were drafted by us and after examination accepted by the Board of the United Synod of the South, by a

Committee of the Publication Society of the General Synod, and by the Ways and Means Committee for organization in the coming United Church.

This Charter and By-Laws was drafted by the Board's Treasurer, George Schlegelmilch, Esq. Your Board has unanimously approved it, and has been greatly gratified that one of its members should have the vision indicated in its principles, together with the experience, technical legal knowledge, and ability for specifications, which the framing of the Constitution for the future Board of Publication requires.

When the members of this body sit as delegates to The United Lutheran Church to consider this basis of Publication Board authority and responsibility, they will at once note the great enlargement of the "Objects" which it is commissioned to serve. You are aware that the merger will combine three Publication Houses and capital to the amount of about $750,000.00. This physical equipment comprises real estate, printing plants, copyrights, and stock in hand to meet the various needs of three progressive Lutheran constituencies. There is also a group of experienced managers and their employes whose continued service the United Board will require. Affiliated in interest with them are various editorial staff and committees, who have labored to equip us with the literary apparatus through which the worship and growth of the Church may function.

The "sphere of influence" of these many groups is widespread and varied by conditions, geographical, linguistic, traditional, fraternal and individualistic. In some respects their operations have been harmfully competitive, so that centralization will be required. In other instances, original and pioneer activities, by which the literary needs of the Church have been providentially supplied, have now advanced to the point where their incorporation into the general organization will enhance their value and perpetuate their influence. We likewise have come to realize that encouragement and support by a resourceful Publication House is needed to stimulate and carry on literary production, now dormant or invigorous within the Church.

But especially evident is the necessity of a medium of the community of interests throughout this great Church we desire to organize. A common carrier of its purposes, opportunities, resources, and character must pulse like a blood stream to the entirety of its constituency. Its weekly papers, magazines, its tracts, its missionary propaganda, the technical apparatus of its ministry, the supplies for its Sunday-schools and congregational organizations, together with the books our people read, must be directed and supplied with due regard to both the common and divesrified needs of the present and future membership. Such a medium can only be found in the printed page. It will issue from the Publication House, and can most efficiently be under the supervision and direction of the Publication Board.

It was these interests, entirely freed from any admixture of selfish considerations, which has led your Board to propose a Constitution greatly en-

larging the prerogatives it has previously received. We believe our duty can be performed only when a greater than commercial function is lodged in the Board; that not only should the Publication Board prepare and issue the books, periodicals and kindred matter of the United Church, but that its Board should be charged to seek out and provide the instrumentalities whereby the influence of the Church may be stimulated and propagated in so far as these instrumentalities are of the character of the printed page.

To accomplish these purposes, as well as for due representation, the new Board is recommended to be twenty-one in number, of whom a portion shall be clergymen. A duality of function appears in the classification of committees into which the Board is organized. The recognition of enlarged and more varied responsibilities involves obviously the need of great care in the selection of men for the Board, who shall possess special fitness for its diverse operations.

The Board assumes to express the gratitude of the General Council to Almighty God, in that He has provided the men and resources whereby this department of our work has been carried on; also to pray to the Head of the Church for the wisdom and consecration needed to discharge the greater responsibilities of the future.

Submitted to and approved by the Board.

SAM. P. SADTLER, *President.*
N. R. MELHORN, *Secretary.*
G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH, *Treasurer*

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 1917, TO JUNE 30, 1918

Receipts

Cash Balance from last fiscal year	$13,450.14	
Cash from Business Manager	179,573.89	
Interest on Bank Balances	398.14	
Loan	10,000.00	
Net Proceeds of Award from City	96,700.89	
Total		$300,123.06

Disbursements

As per orders of the Board	$287,159.95
Balance	$12,963.11

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1, 1917, TO JUNE 30, 1918

Receipts

English Publications	$47,201.94
German Publications	8,381.14
Sunday-school Literature	56,581.45
The Lutheran	19,504.57

The Lutheran Messenger	601.31	
Der Deutsche Lutheraner	4,582.57	
The Lutheran Church Review	1,123.51	
The Foreign Missionary	1,836.69	
The Home Missionary	1,103.02	
Der Missionsbote	1,825.35	
Contributions for Missions	323.51	
Miscellaneous	34,720.40	
Rent	1,638.43	
Philadelphia Contributorship	150.00	
Total		$179,573.89

Disbursements to the Treasurer

For July, 1917	$7,512.49	
For August	6,536.76	
For September	8,697.28	
For October	13,471.56	
For November	15,374.66	
For December	16,389.19	
For January, 1918	24,059.17	
For February	15,275.64	
For March	25,065.53	
For April	16,976.55	
For May	18,203.95	
For June	12,011.11	
Total		$179,573.89

(Per cent. increase over last fiscal year, 32½.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1918

Receipts

Cash Balance, June 30, 1918	$12,963.11	
Cash from Business Manager	39,667.94	
Total		$52,631.05

Disbursements

As per orders of the Board	47,047.18
Balance	$5,583.87

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1918

Receipts

English Publications	$15,453.91
German Publications	383.69
Sunday-school Literature	10,893.49
The Lutheran	4,891.62
The Lutheran Messenger	81.03
The Lutheran Church Review	179.25

The Foreign Missionary	293.83	
The Home Missionary	238.75	
Der Deutsche Lutheraner	820.75	
Der Missionsbote	88.15	
Contributions for Missions	30.38	
Miscellaneous	4,409.63	
Rent 17th Street Properties	1,903.46	
Total		$39,667.94

Disbursements to the Treasurer

For July	$13,291.90	
For August	14,882.21	
For September	11,493.83	
Total		$39,667.94

Compared with the corresponding months of 1917, this amount is greater by $16,921.41.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS JULY 1, 1917, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1918

Receipts

Cash Balance from last fiscal year	$13,450.14	
Cash from Business Manager	219,241.83	
Interest on Bank Balances	398.14	
Loan	10,000.00	
Net Proceeds of Award from City	96,700.89	
Total		$339,791.00

Disbursements

As per orders of the Board		334,207.13
Balance		$5,583.87

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS JULY 1, 1917, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1918

Receipts

English Publications	$62,655.85	
German Publications	8,764.83	
Sunday-school Literature	67,474.94	
The Lutheran	24,396.19	
The Lutheran Messenger	682.34	
The Lutheran Church Review	1,302.76	
The Foreign Missionary	2,130.52	
The Home Missionary	1,341.77	
Der Deutsche Lutheraner	5,403.32	
Der Missionsbote	1,913.50	
Contributions for Missions	353.89	
Miscellaneous	39,130.03	
Rent	3,541.89	
Philadelphia Contributorship	150.00	
Total		$219,241.83

Disbursements to the Treasurer

For July, 1917	$7,512.49	
For August	6,536.76	
For September	8,697.28	
For October	13,471.56	
For November	15,374.66	
For December	16,389.19	
For January, 1918	24,059.17	
For February	15,275.64	
For March	25,065.53	
For April	16,976.55	
For May	18,203.95	
For June	12,011.11	
For July	13,291.90	
For August	14,882.21	
For September	11,493.83	
Total		$219,241.83

Compared with the corresponding preceding 15 months, this amount is greater by $60,996.30, or 38½ per cent.

G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH, *Treasurer.*

The report was received and adopted.

The following, presented by G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., was adopted to be recommended to The United Lutheran Church in America for adoption:

Unless otherwise provided for, a *Resolution* somewhat as follows should be adopted by The United Lutheran Church in America, after its incorporation and organization, to wit:

Resolution

Resolved, By The United Lutheran Church in America, that a Board of Publication be authorized and established to be called The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, to be incorporated, organized and exist under and by virtue of the laws of Pennsylvania, and in accordance with the draft of Charter and By-Laws adopted by the respective Publication Society and Boards of Publication of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and approved by the Ways and Means Committee acting on behalf of this body, and herewith adopted; and that the directors thereof, when elected, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to secure the incorporation of The Board of Publication of The United Luth-

eran Church in America, and when so duly incorporated, organized, and ready for business, to take over and receive the conveyance, transfer, assignment and delivery of all and singular the property of every kind, real and personal, business, good-will, assets and resources, but subject to the liabilities, contracts, engagements and obligations, of the said respective Publication Society and Boards of Publication of the said three general bodies respectively, to wit: the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod South aforesaid, in accordance with their several respective resolutions; and thereafter, in accordance with said Charter and By-Laws, take up and conduct the work of said The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, to the glory of God and the furtherance of the work of this body.

The Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., presented the

Report for the Joint Committee on Common Sunday School Literature

It has not been possible to make much progress during the past year in the work of preparing common Sunday School Literature, due primarily to the many duties and responsibilities incident to the celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation and to the preparation for the merging of the three Lutheran bodies. These matters so occupied the attention and energy of those charged with the preparation of the common Sunday School Literature that it seemed not possible to get time for work or meetings. It also seemed more or less desirable that the actual constructive work should be taken charge of by the merged body.

At a meeting of the Editorial Committee appointed by the Joint Committee and held in Baltimore, April 1, 1918, it was agreed and recommended to the Ways and Means Committee that

1. The common Sunday School system be that of The United Lutheran Church and be under its control.

2. The United Lutheran Church appoint a Sunday School Work Committee of thirteen at the first convention in the fall of 1918. It is the sense of our committee that the nature and importance of the Sunday School Work is such as to warrant this committee to be constituted a Board on Sunday School Work.

3. This committee develop a plan for all Sunday School Literature, with due reference to joint work already accomplished, over which plan and work it shall have full initiative and editorial control, subject to the approval of The United Lutheran Church.

4. The system be inaugurated by the fall of 1921.

5. The appropriations for the work of the Sunday School Work Committee, the size and times for delivery of manuscripts, and other mechanical matters be determined jointly by the Sunday School Work Committee and the Publication Board.

6. The Sunday School Work Committee have advisory oversight over the Sunday Schools with reference to methods of progress, to library books to be recommended, to general Sunday School conventions and Summer Schools and all festival programs. Jointly with the Common Service Book Committee it shall prepare Hymnals for Sunday School use.

We would further recommend that as Sunday School Work can suffer no interruption that when the old Publication Boards cease to publish Sunday School Literature The United Lutheran Church request the new Publication Board to continue to publish both the General Council and the General Synod series unil the new Sunday School Board can prepare a new series.

We also recommend that the Church direct that all books and permanent Sunday School Literature now in preparation on either side be carried through to completion by the new Board.

We further recommend that the Sunday School Board have authority, in co-operation with the Publication Board, to publish such literature as is conducive to the work subject to the approval of the Sunday School Board and the Publication Board on matters of form, size, etc., of the publication.

We would also recommend that the Sunday School Board when constituted have general supervision of all literature, books and publications for use in our schools and be authorized to originate and supervise the preparation of the same and to consider such other matters pertaining to this department of church work as shall be referred to it by The United Lutheran Church.

We would further recommend that such sums as may be mutually agreed on by the Sunday School Board and the Publication Board, be appropriated to the Sunday School Board for the payment of its editorial expenses, editors, writers, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Hunton, *Secretary.*

The Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., presented the

Report of Committee on Arbitration and Practical Co-operation

Out of darkness and estrangement, which necessitated the creation of channels for arbitration of differences, a new day is dawning.

In its last report the Committee took occasion to speak of the steps in its particular work which brought a new ideal out of the contact and better understanding of one another. For this reason the Committee has not been called upon since that report for any activity in the way of arbitration, such questions having been relegated to past history by the new spirit of unity and co-operation manifest and to be brought to its true light not in the co-operation only but in the actual union of the bodies between which causes for arbitration had hitherto arisen.

Nevertheless, the Committee congratulates itself upon its good fortune in having contributed what it might to a conviction of the ripeness of the Church for union. As a Committee on Co-operation it has done what it could to promote, through various channels, the actuation of the desire for unity, not of organization only but of the expressed spirit of love and fellowship in the faith. It is gratified with the thought that it has given the norm of the idea of a Committee of Adjudication which is to serve a most useful purpose in the new order of things as provided in the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WELLER, *Secretary.*

The report was approved.

The Rev. L. D. Reed, D.D., presented the

Report of the Church Book Committee

The Church Book Committee respectfully reports that it held no meeting as a Committee since its last report to the General Council, but that it met with the other Committees in the Joint Committee at the Seminary, Mt. Airy, May 7 and 8, 1918. At this meeting final consideration was given to the text of the Occasional Services, the changes proposed by the Committee on Text being approved, with slight modification, and the entire series of sixteen Orders adopted.

It was also resolved to recommend to the Ways and Means Committee the appointment by The United Lutheran Church of a standing committee of fifteen members, to be known as the Common Service Book Committee, to which should be referred all matters pertaining to the worship of the Church, which shall be responsible for the Common Service Book in respect to text and form in all editions, and which shall be authorized to prepare other forms and manuals of worship and devotion.

A Committee consisting of the Rev. Drs. H. E. Jacobs, Singmaster, Clutz, C. M. Jacobs, the Rev. P. Z. Strodach and Dr. Reed (Chairman) was appointed to prepare a selection of Collects for the Nation, to be inserted as "Additional Collects" in the text editions of the Common Service Book. The same Committee was authorized to prepare an Order of Memorial Service in pamphlet form, which may be used in the case of soldiers and sailors who die in the national service. This has been published by the National Lutheran Commission and sent by them to all our pastors.

The representatives of the Church Book Committee on the Editorial Committee have been most actively engaged in carrying the text editions of the Common Service Book through the press. These are completely in type, both in large and small size, and nearly one-half the pages have been cast into plate. The earlier completion of this work has been prevented by war conditions, which greatly hampered the printers and electrotypers. The

plates covering the Occasional Services, however, have been finished, and the Publication Boards have made every effort to have an edition of these printed and bound in time for this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE COMMITTEE,
LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary.*

Resolved, That the General Council hereby assigns all its rights in the Common Service Book to The United Lutheran Church in America and authorizes the same to publish said Common Service Book with its own imprint, provided, however, that the General Synod and the United Synod in the South take similar action.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., presented the

Report of the Archivist

In addition to the Minutes of the various district synods, a number of which are incomplete, the Archives of the General Council contain a number of miscellaneous documents of more or less value.

No additional copies of the Protocol have been turned over to the Archivist since the last meeting.

Since the meeting in Philadelphia we have had the following items added to the Archives:

"The French Evangelical Lutheran Church."

"A Century of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paris," both sent by Rev. Henri Bach, of Paris, who is the President of the French Lutheran Church War Commission.

"American Lutheran Union and Church Unity," by Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D.

"The Lutheran Church in Paris," by the Board of Publication of the General Council.

Some months ago Mr. Louis van Gilluwe made a contribution of the following:

"History of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (1855-1905), New York City."

"Golden Jubilee of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New York City."

"History of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh (1837-1909)."

"Golden Jubilee of Immanuel's Church, New York City."

The files of the Synodical Minutes should be completed by the secretaries. The Minutes of the General Council for 1917 indicate what we have and what are missing in the records of each of the district synods.

We urge this completion of the files as a matter of historical record for the future.

We also ask for advice as to the permanent care of the Archives; for while they are incomplete, there are documents which are of value. There should especially be some definite action as to the permanent care of the written protocol.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. HUNTON, *Archivist.*

The report was adopted.

The Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., presented the

Report of the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In submitting this brief report to the General Council, we wish to state that, in the Providence of God, the mission interests among our immigrants have not been interrupted by the sad effects of the world war. On the contrary, there are evidences that the claims of the Church and the spirit of religious devotion have been maintained and strengthened among our people. We also desire to record that the constituency of foreign-speaking people has rallied to the standard of their adopted country, and that they have contributed, with admirable generosity, both in men and money, to every call of the nation. It is a fact worthy of note that the past ministrations of our Church have been held in honor and in part repaid by communities of loyal patriotic citizens.

The Board has held four quarterly meetings since the last convention and has given close attention to every need of the mission field.

Owing to his removal to Berkeley, Cal., the Rev. Earnest Anton Trabert, the efficient Secretary of this Board for many years, resigned from the Board in July, 1918. In point of service Rev. Trabert was the second oldest member of the Board.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of one of our faithful missionaries, Rev. Julius Czernecky. Rev. Czernecky came to America in 1903. His last parish was the Slovak congregation at Northampton, Pa., where he served from 1909 to 1916. He lingered from a long serious sickness until his end came April 1st in the Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa.

CHURCHES ERECTED

During the year the following congregations secured their own houses of worship: Slovak congregations: At Cleveland, O.; Byesville, O.; Chicago, Ill.; Calhan, Colo.; Farrell, Pa.; Pottstown, Pa. The Magyar congregation at Buffalo erected a new church and purchased a parsonage.

The Magyar-Slovak congregations at Palmerton, Pa., purchased a church building and made extensive improvements. Magyar congregation at Allentown a new church.

These efforts on the part of the foreign-speaking congregations to secure their own houses of worship are praiseworthy evidences that they propose to make America their permanent home and that they desire to provide for the blessings and comfort of their religious longings. This should be a conclusive answer to the question so frequently put to us, "Will the mission enterprise among the present class of immigrants have a permanent value?"

PASTORS AND STUDENTS

The ranks of the ministers was increased by the ordination of three students and the licensure of one. The Rev. James Becker, who had demitted the ministry for a few years to follow secular occupation, has again accepted a call to the Magyar congregation in Buffalo, N. Y.

We have now more beneficiary students enrolled than ever before, preparing for the Christian ministry among immigrants. The nationalities represented are: Slovak, Magyar, Lettish, Slovenian, Lithuanian. They are pursuing their studies in the following institutions: Five attend the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, two are in the Chicago Seminary. One of our former students at the Chicago Seminary is now serving with the colors. One student is at the Pacific Seminary at Seattle, and seven are pursuing their studies at Allentown, Pa. We have a total enrollment of fifteen students.

These students, while pursuing their course of study, are also at the same time actively employed in supplying vacant congregations. There are a number of congregations who have succeeded, even under the supervision of these students, to secure their own houses of worship.

WESTERN ITINERARY BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Many of our Slovak Lutherans in the far west are at a great disadvantage for spiritual ministration. In order that these people should not be entirely deprived of the Means of Grace, the Superintendent has arranged for an annual itinerary to the Pacific Coast. It is natural to find that indifference to religious duties has taken hold of some; nevertheless, the large number are devoutly thankful for these services and rejoice to assemble themselves together with their brethren in the house of God to hear the Word of God and receive the holy Sacrament. On our itinerary just recently completed we conducted services for Slovak people in the following places: In the State of Montana at Nashua, Belt, Lehigh, Geraldine, Stockett, Sand Coulee. In Washington: Everett, Tacoma, Cle Elum, Shelton. Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Cal., Canmore, Alta., Canada. While the people frequently change their residence, especially from manufacturing

centers to agricultural communities, yet in some cases we have been able to trace our people and visit them in their new localities.

Last Spring a donation amounting to five hundred dollars for the cause of Church Extension was received by the Board from Mr. and Mrs. Emmor Ames, of Marianna, Pa. This is the first large donation that has come to our Board and has been secured through the instrumentality of the Board member, Rev. Frank E. Jensen.

This Board is in hearty sympathy with the proposed merger and has cooperated in all matters referred to it during the preliminary stages. The members of this Board have always shown a commendable zeal in serving the cause entrusted to them. They have frequently sacrificed their invaluable time in establishing the mission work among the immigrants on a broad and firm basis. When this particular mission field was first undertaken by the General Council thirteen years ago, many new and unique problems presented themselves. Our people were scattered over a vast range of territory throughout the United States. Unrecognized from among the many foreign nationalities, and with no available ministry who could speak the foreign languages and seek out the scattered sheep, this was a task of no mean proportion to undertake. The twofold task had to be simultaneously carried on, first of locating and organizing the people into some kind of congregational unity, and to prepare a ministry by educating young men for the ministry from among the different nationalities. As it was impossible in the past, so it will be impracticable in the future, to look for an efficient ministry from their home lands. Experience has proven that it is an indispensable condition to take cognizance of racial and historic antecedents and with a spirit of Christian forbearance gradually lead to the adoption of American standards.

It may not be without interest to state a brief history of the activities of the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board from the time of its organization. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania began to look after the vast foreign population on its territory in 1904. From this beginning, the General Council, in the convention at Erie, Pa., 1905, "*Resolved,* That a Board of nine members be elected by this body, whose duty it shall be to supervise the Slovak and Transylvania work within our Council." At that time the scope of the Board included two nationalities. At present the Board provides for five nationalities, namely: Slovak, Magyar, Letts, Slovenians, and Siebenbuergers. The Board was incorporated in 1916. From 1905 until 1908, during the interval that the superintendent appointed was studying in Hungary, there was little activity on the field. The active development of the mission work dates then from 1908. The necessity of educating a native ministry has always been one of the chief concerns of the Board. Since 1908 the Board extended aid to thirty-three young men preparing for the ministry among foreign-speaking congregations. Five of this number have proven ineffective and have dropped out of the course. Nineteen men have been ordained to the office of the Christian ministry. At this time

there are fifteen young men pursuing their course of study. In material progress, we may state that twenty houses of worship have been either erected or purchased, together with eight parsonages provided. In connection with the General Council there are now fourteen pastors, supplying Slovak congregations, five labor in Magyar congregations, three for Lettish, one for Slovenian or Windish, and one for the Siebenbuerger-Saxons, preaching in a total of fifty-four congregations and missions. The superintendent has at present, in addition, fifty-one preaching points on his itinerary list, thus making a total of 115 preaching points. The mission field extends over nineteen States and three Provinces in Canada.

It should not be presumed that there has, even now, been a complete canvass made of all places where our people reside. The great obstacle in the development of so promising a mission field has been a sufficient force of capable pastors. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

SLOVAK MISSIONS

PLACE	PASTOR	Paying Members	Attendance	Communed	Value of Property	Debt
Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Andrew Svasko	39	44	29	$7500	$4000
Pottstown, Pa.	"	18	40	29	2000	.....
Camden, N. J.	"	18	29	17	800	.....
Trenton, N. J.	"	36	48	23	6000	2000
Northampton, Pa.	Student, John M. Bellan	175	420	125	19200	1600
Irwin, Pa.	Student, George Roh	165	150	29	.....	.....
Hannastown, Pa.	"	....	35	....	.....	.....
Greensburg		....	30	....	.....	.....
Claridge, Pa.		....	29	....	.....	.....
Detroit, Mich.	Vacant	64	160	33	3000	.....
Toledo, Ohio	"	....	20	10	.....	.....
Kenosha, Wis.	Rev. M. F. Benko	55	150	67	10000	400
Cudahy, Wis.	"	57	100	33	.....	.....
Palmerton, Pa.	Rev. Paul Faska	76	90	23	5000	.....

SIEBENBUERGER-SAXON MISSIONS

Youngstown, Ohio	Rev. George Schuster	204	400	197	16000	5100
Niles, O.	"	....	50	47	.....	.....
Lorain, O.	"	87	....	....	.....	.....
Cleveland, O.	"	....	37	....	.....	.....
Columbus, O.	"	....	128	....	.....	.....
Economy	"	....	57	....	.....	.....
Monaca, Pa.	"	....	97	....	.....	.....
Detroit, Mich.	"	....	45	....	.....	.....
Ellwood City, Pa.	"	....	247	....	.....	.....

MAGYAR MISSIONS

Cleveland, O.	Rev. Stephen Ruzsa	210	4000	380	34000	6000
Detroit, Mich.	Rev. Geza von Albrecht	130	300	160	11000	6000
New Brunswick, N. J.	Rev. Alex. Szabo	162	217	104	7400	3000
Perth Amboy, N. J.	"	94	138	59	.....	.....
Buffalo, N. Y.	Rev. James Becker	65	100	64	7400	6000
Allentown, Pa.	Rev. Paul Faska	55	80	52	6000	3000
Palmerton, Pa.	"	85	100	23	5000	.....
Martins Ferry, O.	Student, Alex. Pölöskey	....	41	....	.....	.....
Windber, Pa.	Rev. Gaza von Albrecht	....	70	60	.....	.....

PLACE	PASTOR	Paying Members	Attendance	Communed	Value of Property	Debt
SLOVENIAN MISSION						
Steelton, Pa.	Rev. L. Sanjek	....	38	19	.....	.....
SLOVENIAN SELF-SUSTAINING CONGREGATION						
South Bethlehem, Pa.	Rev. Ernest A. Stiegler	1150	....	1200	62000	19000
LETTISH MISSIONS						
Boston, Mass.	Vacant	....	....	....	.....	.....
Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Peter E. Steik	44	60	45	.....	.....
New York	"	21	25	12	.....	.....
Derby, Me.	"	....	15	8	.....	.....
Washington, Conn.	"	....	10	6	.....	.....
Libau, Man., Can.	Rev. W. O. Zahlis	....	20	12	.....	.....
Sifton, Man., Can.	"	....	32	10	.....	.....
Bird River, Man., Can.	"	....	20	....	.....	.....
Oak Brae, Man., Can.	"	....	28	15	.....	.....
West Selkirk, Man., Can.	"	....	2	2	.....	.....
SLOVAK SELF-SUSTAINING CONGREGATIONS						
Cleveland, O.	Rev. A. D. Dianiska	600	....	400	45000	18000
Akron, O.	"	150	....	....	.....	.....
Barberton, O.	"	60	....	80	4000	1000
Nanticoke, Pa.	Rev. Andrew Hibian	64	270	145	20000	8000
Little Falls, N. Y.	Rev. Paul A. Putra	400	500	500	30000	10000
Charleroi, Pa.	Rev. John Body	260	800	600	18000	2000
Freeland, Pa.	Student, John Zabadal	45	150	108	9000	.....
Newark, N. J.	Rev. L. Novomesky	178	....	590	14000	4500
Missions Supplied:						
Houtzdale, Pa.	"	....	44	31	.....	.....
Spangler, Pa.	"	....	33	29	.....	.....
Philipsburg, Pa.	"	....	21	21	.....	.....
Mahanoy City, Pa.	Rev. L. Sanjek	....	250	....	6000	1600
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	"	55	200	....	2000	.....
Chicago, Ill.	Rev. Samuel Schultz	600	....	1400	60000	12000
Chicago, Ill.	Rev. John Pribula	....	....	....	6000	.....
Gary, Ind.	"	26	85	....	2000	.....
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	Vacant	78	200	....	2000	.....
Chicago, Ill.	Rev. Samuel Lichner	....	....	....	.....	.....
Braddock, Pa.	Rev. C. V. Molnar	....	....	....	.....	.....
New Kensington, Pa.	"	....	....	....	.....	.....

SLOVAK CONGREGATIONS SERVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT,

REV. A. L. RAMER, PH.D.

	Present at Service	Communed		Present at Service	Communed
Audenried, Pa. (Magyar)	17	12	Freeman, W. Va.	5	5
Erie, Pa.	19	13	Wheeling, W. Va.	12	10
Grassflat, Pa.	91	61	Disputanta, Va.	12	3
New Bethlehem, Pa.	18	12	Osaka, Va.	3	3
Pageville, Pa.	32	23	Prince George, Va.	9	8
Peckville, Pa.	29	19	Benhem, Ky.	5	5
Philipsburg, Pa.	42	20	Bessemer, Mich.	62	51
Sheppton, Pa.	21	20	Muskegon H'ghts, Mich.	40	39
Slatington, Pa.	20	19	Phillips, Wis.	45	29
			Superior, Wis.	2	2

	Present at Service	Communed
Saltsburg, Pa.	19	14
Iselin, Pa.	24	15
Washington, Pa. (Polish)	29	26
Hudson, N. Y.	27	20
Rensselaer, N. Y.	5	5
Binghamton, N. Y.	20	16
Lackawanna, N. Y.	5	5
Tarrytown, N. Y.	7	7
Barton, O.	41	36
Dayton, O.	22	15
Dover, O.	37	20
Middletown, O.	8	6
Martin's Ferry, O. (Magyar)	32	..
Piney Fork, O.	23	19
Gary, W. Va.	29	24
Calhan, Colo.	160	57
Pueblo, Colo.	3	3
Birmingham, Ala.	8	6
Nashua, Mont.	18	6
Belt, Mont.	34	27
Lehigh, Mont.	6	6
Geraldine, Mont.	3	3
Stockett, Mont.	31	17
Sand Coulee, Mont.	42	31
Everett, Wash.	20	14
Tacoma, Wash.	19	18
Cle Elum, Wash.	12	12
Shelton, Wash.	6	5
Portland, Ore.	6	5
San Francisco, Cal.	18	12
Fernia, B. C., Can.	2	2
Canmore, Alta., Can.	8	6

The Superintendent visited officially the following established congregations:

Philadelphia, Pa. (Communion)	44	29
Camden, N. J. (Communion)	39	19
Trenton, N. J. (Communion)	38	27
Pottstown, Pa. (Dedication)	200	25
Palmerton, Pa. (Dedication)	400	..
Farrell, Pa. (Installation)	203	52
Northampton, Pa. (Communion)	100	70
Detroit, Mich. (Visitation)	40	..
Boston, Mass. (Visitation)	..	..
Cleveland, O. (Dedication)	700	..
Irwin, Pa. (Confirmation)	150	29
Greensburg, Pa.	35	..
Buffalo, N. Y. (Dedication and Installation)	200	..
Chicago, Ill. (Installation)	135	..
Byesville, O. (Dedication and Confirmation)	300	28
New Brunswick, N. J. (Visitation)	70	..
Perth Amboy, N. J. (Visitation)	63	..
Freeland, Pa. (Communion)	152	108

Respectfully submitted,

THE SLAV AND HUNGARIAN MISSION BOARD,

W. M. REHRIG, *President.*

A. L. RAMER, *Superintendent.*

The report was received to be entered on the minutes.

The Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., presented the

Report of the Inner Mission Committee of the General Council

The undersigned begs leave to report that in response to the request of the Ways and Means Committee, there were held several joint sessions of the committees or boards of the three general bodies to discuss the possibility of their union after the proposed "merger" shall have been consummated. It was unanimously decided to favor their union. A later request from the Committee on Ways and Means for a tentative constitution to be submitted for its consideration was also complied with, and as the request of this Committee will be presented to the merging body and also to the General Council meeting by representatives of that Committee, the constitution will not need to be embodied in this report. This question having occupied the Committee's thought and energy almost exclusively, nothing further need be here presented.

The Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering for Missions placed at the disposal of the Committee a certain sum of money which was turned over to the treasurer of the General Council until proper distribution to Inner Mission agencies within the General Council not strictly institutional could be made. The chairman did not feel justified to call together the Committee to decide upon its distribution because of the traveling expenses involved, and deemed it best that the General Council should dispose of the matter. An application for its share of the fund has come from the Board of the Inner Mission Society in Philadelphia, and as five similar societies are in existence with which General Council pastors and congregations in other Lutheran bodies (as in New York City, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Toledo and Minneapolis), it would seem proper to distribute this fund among these six societies in pro rata amounts based on the current expenses of each society during 1917, allowing a double portion for such society or societies as are supported exclusively by General Council constituencies. Perhaps a committee appointed by this body to decide upon a proper basis of distribution would be desirable. As the undersigned is not in a position to speak for the Inner Mission Committee, he hereby submits the matter to the General Council to dispose of as it may deem proper.

GEO. W. SANDT, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. Hager, the matter of a proper distribution of the fund in hand for Inner Missions was referred to the Inner Mission Committee to bring to us a proper recommendation tomorrow morning. The committee reported as follows in the Fourth Session:

The Inner Mission Committee of the General Council, charged with the duty of making recommendation for the distribution of the fund which this committee received as its portion of the Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering,

recommends that the distribution be made on the basis of the annual budget of expenses of the following Inner Mission Societies supported in whole or in part from General Council sources—Inner Mission Societies of Philadelphia, New York, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and Minneapolis—allowing a double portion to such societies as are supported entirely by General Council constituencies, and that the chairman or secretary of the committee be authorized to apportion the amounts and send them to the treasurer of the General Council.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. B. F. Hankey presented the

Report of Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America

The Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America herewith submit the following brief report to the special Convention of the General Council held in New York City, Tuesday, November 12, 1918:

THE BEGINNING

The attention of the Church was attracted to this field of work by Student G. S. Swensson, of the Augustana Synod, who had gone to the island at the close of the Spanish-American War, and having interested himself in the people there, thought it an opportune moment to do some mission work among them. His interest met a hearty response on the part of the people, and this fact was communicated to the home Church, and the General Council temporarily gave this work over to the Foreign Mission Board, and as soon as the field was gone over, and the importance of the field was known, the General Council, through a special committee, of which the Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., was chairman, brought before the General Council which convened at Lima, Ohio, in 1901, the following recommendation, viz., "That the General Council appoint a Special Board for the work in Porto Rico." This was done and accordingly a Board of nine members was elected.

THE WORKERS

Following up the work of Student G. S. Swensson, the Foreign Board which had charge of the work extended calls to Revs. H. F. Richards and B. F. Hankey, who landed in the field in October, 1899. While these men had not sufficient means provided to carry on the work in an effectual way, yet the Lord blessed and prospered the work, and the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Juan was organized January 1, 1900. Spanish services were held in San Juan and Catano, Student G. S. Swensson as-

sisting the missionaries in charge, and the first class in Spanish language was confirmed Palm Sunday, April 8, 1900, and thus the foundation work of our missionary operations was laid. Student Swensson shortly afterwards returned to the states to finish his education, and Rev. Hankey was stricken with malaria and was obliged to leave the island, leaving the work in care of Rev. H. F. Richards, who carried it on successfully a number of years. He was assisted in the work by Miss Annetta Wahlstedt and Miss Clara Hazelgreen. Rev. Alfred Ostrom, who has been with the work ever since, was called to this field in 1905, and shortly thereafter Rev. A. P. G. Anderson, who on account of illness of his family, after 11 years of faithful service on the part of himself and wife, has just retired from the field. Miss May C. Mellander, who also on account of ill health was obliged to leave the field, laid the foundation of the kindergarten work, and who also assisted in the training of young native missionaries, is still in the service of the Board and is telling the Home Church of the great possibilities in missionary endeavor. Rev. Fred W. Lindke, who entered into the service of the Board this year, arrived early in August, and has taken up the field formerly under the charge of Rev. A. P. G. Anderson.

The Misses Emma R. Schmid, Sofia Probst and Nanca Schoen, each in the order named, have all in their especial capacities contributed very much to the success of the work. Besides these, the faithful wives of the missionaries, Mrs. H. F. Richards, Mrs. Alfred Ostrom, Mrs. A. P. G. Anderson and Mrs. Fred W. Lindke, have been and will continue as a factor in the building and establishment of the Church among these people. Rev. Lopez de Alda, a young man of promise, who studied in our Seminary in Philadelphia, and was ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and whose help was appreciated by all the workers, after a few years, on account of disease, was compelled to give up the work. There are also six young men in our Seminary Training School, who are looking forward towards their ordination, and four native lady helpers, who assist in visitations and kindly ministrations.

THE WORK DONE

The matter of buying properties and the erection of suitable buildings for churches, schools and parsonages, was one of the problems of the Board, but by patient endeavor on the part of the Board at home, and by faithful service on the part of the missionaries in the field, that problem was gradually solved, until at the present time we have properties valued at $50,000.

The First Lutheran Church in Puerta de Tierra is considered the finest Protestant church in the island, and stands as a monument to the faithful work done by Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Ostrom. This building was dedicated in the year 1917 at a cost of (lot and building) $25,000.

The church at Bayamon is the work of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. G. Anderson,

who by their ability to interest the Luther League of the Kansas Conference of the Augustana Synod brought this church into being, and it will continue to be a silent witness of the faithfulness and sacrifice and self-denial of these faithful missionaries.

We have also a church building and parsonage at Palo Seco, church and cottage at Monacillio, church, frame school-house and cottage at Catano, and a valuable lot at Miramar; besides these, several other lots and minor buildings.

SUMMARY

Nine congregations; 13 missions; 580 communicant members; 1,800 in Sunday-schools; 6 Luther Leagues, and 1 Kindergarten.

CONCLUSION

The Board, which was formerly known as the Porto Rico Mission Board, and which by the permission and under the direction of the General Council by the action of the same body, at Rock Island, Ill., in 1915, was duly incorporated under the title "The Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America", having as we believe faithfully performed its work, and trusting ere long to discharge all obligations, financial and otherwise, now stands ready to do the bidding of the Church in the matter of merging all the interests of this Board, with the Virgin Island Committee, to form one Board to be known as "The West India Mission Board of The United Lutheran Church of America".

A committee of our Board has met with a like committee from the Virgin Island Committee, and a Constitution, fashioned after the Model Constitution, was adopted by this joint committee, and placed into the hands of the Ways and Means Committee, composed of the three bodies merging, requesting the same Committee to ratify same to be presented to The United Lutheran Church of America for final ratification. We stand ready as a Board, therefore, to do the will of the Church, and we will use our best offices as soon as all legal difficulties are removed to bring about the consummation and the unification of these two in one.

We render grateful thanks to Almighty God who has so abundantly blessed our efforts in the past as a Board to carry out His divine command, and we earnestly hope and pray that, in the new and larger activity, God's richest blessing may abide with the new Board to be created, and that it may be a mighty agency in the cause of the Kingdom for all time.

EDMUND BELFOUR, *President.*
B. F. HANKEY, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

E. Aug. Miller, Esq., presented the

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America respectfully report:

That since the election of the Trustees by the General Council at its convention held October, 1917, two meetings of the Trustees have been held, the regular meeting held October 27, 1917, during the convention of the General Council, and a special meeting held August 28, 1918.

Organization was effected by the election of Dr. T. E. Schmauk as President, Hon. Wm. H. Staake as Treasurer, and E. Augustus Miller as Secretary.

The officers were instructed to sign all papers and take all needed measures for the transfer of title to all real estate held by the Trustees in Porto Rico to the Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America. This matter is being attended to at the present time and it is hoped that it will soon be consummated.

Notice was given that the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society was making application to the Court for dissolution and to have its assets assigned to the Trustees. The officers were instructed to sign a certificate attached to the petition for dissolution agreeing to accept and hold the assets when assigned for the same uses and trusts as the same are now held by the Society.

E. Aug. Miller, *Secretary.*

In view of the action already taken in reference to continuing the corporation of the General Council, the paragraph in the above report referring to that matter was stricken from the report. The report as thus amended was adopted.

It was *Resolved,* That when we adjourn, it be to meet at 9 A. M. tomorrow.

The Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., presented the

Report of the Committee on Deaconess Work

Since the report of your Committee on Deaconess Work in 1917 there have been no material changes in the status of the Motherhouses then affiliated with the General Council or of those outside of it. In spite of the increasing needs and the urgent appeals the number of sisters remains practically the same.

According to the statistics presented at the Thirteenth Conference of Evangelical Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses in the United States, held in St. Paul, Minn., May 28-30, 1918, which are the latest available, a total of 364 deaconesses and probationers were then connected with the following Motherhouses: Philadelphia, 86; Milwaukee, 57; Baltimore, 51; Omaha,

46; Minneapolis, 26; Brooklyn, 18; St. Paul, 23; Chicago, 59; Brush, Colo., 4. Of candidates or pupils there were 24. The stations upon which the sisters were distributed numbered 107, and the spheres of labor 25, including 12 Foreign Mission fields with 21 sisters. In 21 years, since 1897, the number of sisters increased from 163 to 364.

On the 6th of October, 1918, the Milwaukee Motherhouse celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, on which occasion five probationers were consecrated.

J. F. Ohl, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

The Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., presented

Report of Committee to Co-operate with Similar Committees from Other General Bodies on Lutheran Year Book

It is a pleasure to report that The Lutheran Church Year Book, which has for several years been published jointly by the bodies which are now merging into The United Lutheran Church, is also the official Year Book of the Joint Synod of Ohio.

We have also been able to secure the co-operation of the Iowa Synod to the extent that they furnish special statistics and take and circulate an imprint edition. The Augustana Synod, while not taking an imprint edition, is through the Augustana Book Concern taking and circulating our Year Book. In all sections of the Church, there is a growing demand for the Year Book, indicative of their recognition of the high statistical and directory value of the Year Book.

A practical difficulty which will be turned over to the new Publication Board for solution is the question of financing so pretentious a volume as the Year Book has become. The idea of a Directory and Statistical Book of permanent character and of high merit is worthy of consideration, and the issuance then of a smaller and less expensive Calendar carrying only the distinctive Almanac features.

The Chairman of your committee has conferred with the representatives of other bodies and is encouraged to believe a still wider co-operation is possible in the issuance of future editions. This especially would be the case if we were to prepare and publish the directory and statistics in a form which would appeal and be virtually an Annual Encyclopedia of the Church.

We would recommend this idea for consideration to the proper committee in conference with the new Publication Board of The United Lutheran Church.

For the Committee,
W. L. Hunton, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Mr. Geo. Hemsing presented the

Report of the Statistician and Committee on Uniform Statistics

It has been virtually impossible to tabulate any authentic figures as to the present statistics of the Lutheran Church in America other than those given in the Minutes of the 1917 Convention and in the Year Book for 1918 on account of the fact that the request that Secretaries forward to the Statistician a copy of the printed minutes after each convention of Synod was not complied with, only two such copies having been received during the current year and these in the last part of October.

In view of the coming merger, there has been no meeting of the Committee on Uniform Statistics since the last convention of the General Council, following the recommendation in said Committee's report as adopted (Min. 1917, page 223), viz., "that the adoption of a Uniform Report Blank be deferred for the time being, and that if the merger is consummated, the matter be presented at its first convention, with a view to having a committee appointed to report something definite in this respect at a later date, that will meet the requirements of all Synods concerned."

The Chairman, however, has had some correspondence in regard to the matter, as well as on the subject of devising a feasible plan for the gathering of reliable statistics of the whole Lutheran Church in America. The present method is not only very unsatisfactory, but the results attained in many cases are unreliable. The weakness of the situation appears to lie in the fact that we have not been able to act effectively, universally, and with the practical co-operation of the general bodies. In many cases numerous requests are required in order to get the desired information and very often no response whatever is made and it is therefore necessary to supply missing data from previous figures, which at best can only be guess-work and accordingly not authentic. The fault appears to be that the requests come from too many sources.

To remedy the matter, the suggestion has been made that a series of resolutions be passed at this General Council and, if possible, at the United Church, to properly establish The Committee on Uniform Statistics as the head, with power to appoint a Secretarian Executive subject to directions from the committee so far as plan, methods and statistical results are concerned and subject to directions from the Publication Board so far as the publishing of the facts in the Year Book are concerned. The committee should also have jurisdiction over the plan and arrangement of the Year Book so far as statistics of the Lutheran Church in America and in the world are concerned.

Under this plan all requests for data would be uniform and come from one source, viz., the Executive Secretary, under the direction of the committee as above outlined, and by devoting his entire time to the work reliable results could be attained. The Executive of the committee should be a person familiar with the machinery of religious statistics of the different

denominations in America. The term of his office, amount of compensation and by whom payable, as well as all other necessary details, could be determined by a joint meeting of the Committee, the Publication Board and the President of the general body.

This would appear to be the only logical method of securing a complete and reliable statistical exhibit of the whole Lutheran Church in America, which will enable us to place ourselves with credit alongside of the annual directories published by other completely organized churches and in the periodical reports of the Government as well.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. HEMSING,

Statistician and Chairman of Committee on Uniform Statistics.

Whereas, A complete and reliable statistical exhibit of the whole Lutheran Church in America will enable us to place ourselves with credit alongside of the annual directories published by other completely organized churches and in the periodical reports of the Government as well, and

Whereas, The present method of gathering statistics is unsatisfactory and unreliable because of the fact that we have not been able to act effectively, universally and with the practical co-operation of the general bodies, and

Whereas, Efforts should be continued to be made to secure a united statistical co-operation for the whole Church in this country, and

Whereas, The power and general direction for such effort must come, not from the Federal Government or any of its bureaus, nor from any of our publication boards, but from The United Lutheran Church itself,

Therefore, Be it Resolved—

1. That we recommend to The United Lutheran Church that it properly establish The Committee on Statistics, with power to appoint a Secretarian Executive subject to directions from said committee so far as plan, methods and statistical results are concerned, and subject to directions from the Publication Board only in so far as the publishing of the facts in the Year Book are concerned.

2. The selection of the Executive of the committee, the term of his office, amount of compensation and by whom payable, as well as all other necessary details, shall be determined by a joint meeting of the committee, the Publication Board and the President of the general body.

The report was received and the recommendations were adopted.

The Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., presented the

Report of the Committee on Lutheran Church Music and Musicians

The Committee on Lutheran Church Music and Musicians begs to report that since the last meeting of the General Council it made efforts to arrange for the holding of convocations at a number of important centers, but in every case without success. Almost invariably word came back that war conditions had so depleted choirs of male voices as to make it impossible to carry through the proposed program. In addition to this it was found that the present edition of the Common Service Book had not yet been generally enough introduced to make it the basis of the proposed program, many congregations and communities still waiting for the appearance of the edition without music.

The committee earnestly hopes and requests that a Committee on Lutheran Church Music and Musicians will be provided for among the standing committees of the United Church.

In behalf of the Committee,

J. F. Ohl, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

The Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., presented the

Report of the Committee on Church Architecture

Conditions prevalent in the business world have in general discouraged or postponed many building operations contemplated by our congregations, and your committee's advice has been sought in only a few instances.

The committee has received and acted upon plans and other communications submitted to it as follows:

The Secretary and the Chairman of the committee, after conference with Prof. Warren P. Laird, Sc.D., conducted a correspondence with the Rev. Paul A. Kirsch, Meriden, Conn., concerning various matters connected with the proposed new church building in that city.

Correspondence was also conducted with the Rev. A. Goos, Strathcona, Alberta, Canada, and suggestions offered concerning alterations and enlargement of his church building.

The committee meeting at the University of Pennsylvania, September 28, 1918, considered a set of prints of working drawings for St. Matthew's Memorial Church at Edgeboro, Pa. The committee was unable to approve the plans for reasons which were fully set forth in a communication to the Rev. J. S. Renninger, pastor of the congregation.

The Chairman was also in correspondence on various matters with the Rev. Enoch Hite, Lincolnton, N. C., and the Rev. Jay B. Weygandt, Rochester, Indiana.

One of the members of the committee, the Rev. George H. Schnur, delivered a series of lectures on Church Architecture at four Theological Seminaries of other bodies, which were very favorably received.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary.*
J. F. OHL, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

The Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., presented the

Report of the Committee on Jewish Mission Work

During the past year the General Council's work for the conversion of the Jews was signally favored with gracious blessings of the Lord and reached an important stage of expansion and multiplied activities.

It is nine years ago that the Council decided to include Jewish Mission work within the scope of its aims. But until quite recently our thoughts and prayers and offerings have been turned to a single Mission Station, at Pittsburgh. The reports about its enlarging influence and effectiveness have always been encouraging. The name of its devoted pioneer, the Rev. John Legum, has been cherished with increasing esteem and gratitude for his leadership in a strange field of work. During this past year also his labors have been blessed. On account of renting conditions he relocated his headquarters at 1315 Clark St., several blocks distant from the former site of the station, where he finds himself surrounded by a dense settlement of orthodox Jews. Naturally he has to contend with almost insuperable obstacles; but repeatedly his reports contain an outburst of joy over noteworthy evidences of the conviction wrought by the Gospel of Jesus.

What is perhaps the richest fruitage of this Pittsburgh Mission is its providential share in furnishing a worker who has proved competent to open and establish a second station. For several years the committee has broached the project of undertaking work in another Jewish center; and last year, with due authorization, it decided to call the Rev. Paul I. Morentz, B.D., of Conneaut, Ohio, to found and conduct a Mission to Jews in Philadelphia. The advisability of such a choice was apparent from the circumstances of Mr. Morentz's training. He became a convert under the ministrations of Rev. Legum in Pittsburgh, was educated at Thiel College, completed the Bachelor of Divinity course at the Chicago Seminary, and served pastorates in the Pittsburgh Synod for over six years. He agreed to accept the call of the committee and in October, 1917, he opened "Messiah Hebrew Lutheran Mission", at 411 North Fourth Street, in two rooms of a building housing "The Samaritan Shelter", an institution that had been conducted by a Lutheran constituency largely drawn from the Philadelphia German Conference. Through the energetic co-operation of the

six Philadelphia members of the committee his work has developed almost with leaps and bounds. He has secured the attention of the Jews of his neighborhood and has succeeded in a remarkable measure in commending his purpose and plans to the Lutherans of Philadelphia and its vicinity.

By June of this year the Philadelphia branch of our committee had become quite confident of the permanency of the enterprise and of opportunities for extensive activities. Learning of the possibility of the sale of the entire quarters of "The Samaritan Shelter", these brethren of Philadelphia, with the approval of the committee, purchased the property at $10,000 for the use of the committee of the General Council. The title to the property is vested in the "Philadelphia Lutheran Association for Jewish Missions", which was formed as a holding company. And by the instructions of the committee this association is to be incorporated under a charter that assures its permanent connection with The United Lutheran Church in America and also makes provision for its holdings to revert to The United Lutheran Church in case of its dissolution. The first payment on the property was made through the efforts of several congregations and special contributions from a number of Philadelphia laymen. The interest on the unpaid balance of the purchase price is to be met through the treasury of the General Council Committee and its successor until the association will itself be able to carry the indebtedness alone.

The building that has been thus acquired is a spacious old Philadelphia home containing three rooms large enough for public meetings and assemblies, fourteen dwelling rooms and a specially constructed place for laundry purposes. Besides providing enlarged and ample quarters for the immediate conference, school, and charity work undertaken by Mr. Morentz, it is well adapted for the dispensary and hospice plans and other purposes that the association has in mind. It at once gives a local habitation for our missionary project and secures its permanency at less cost than through renting of property.

The methods of work pursued by our missionaries have been almost the same as those described in the last report to the Council. Two particular lines of activity should, however, be mentioned. One is the circulation of a Yiddish quarterly, "Kol Zion", edited by Rev. Legum and published by the three Lutheran Missions at Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. The other phase of work was the successful Vacation School for Jewish children conducted at the Philadelphia Mission by Miss Louise Stahl, formerly a missionary in Syria. The cost of this undertaking was defrayed through the generosity of Mr. E. Clarence Miller.

As a result of this experiment in reaching the Jewish children of the neighborhood the committee has extended a call to Miss Stahl to become an additional member of its mission staff. It considers itself particularly fortunate to have found a woman so manifestly qualified for the work, because the need of a Woman Missionary has become more and more urgently felt. Jewish family and social life is so exclusive that it is practically

impossible for any one but a woman to gain access to the home or win the confidence of the women.

Another project in view at the Philadelphia Mission is the organization, in the near future, of a Hebrew Lutheran congregation. Instead of encouraging converts to unite with established congregations of Gentile extraction, Rev. Morentz desires, for patent reasons, to effect a separate Hebrew organization for which he has already gathered a nucleus. His first distinctive Hebrew Christian service, preparatory to this step, was held last September.

The most perplexing question with which your committee must grapple is the selection and guidance of future workers and ordained missionaries. During the year it has given special attention to two men. One of these spent his first year at the Chicago Seminary and was supported through the funds of the general treasury. The other gentleman has been pursuing preparatory studies under the supervision of Rev. Morentz with the aim of entering one of our theological seminaries. The major cost of his education has been covered through an agency called "The Educational Fund". The fund has been provided and sustained by friends whose interest and support were elicited by Mr. Morentz. It is to be administered solely for education of men who have been led to Christ through the instrumentality of the Philadelphia Mission. The committee is deeply gratified over such a substantial recognition of the importance of training men for leadership as missionaries. But it is constantly facing the double problem of discovering more suitable men for directing the work and of devising a scheme of educational work that will prove specially adapted for the preparation of unordained as well as of ordained missionaries.

One patent fact that should be taken to heart by all our pastors and congregations is that it would be wrong to retrench at this stage of natural and providential expansion. Doors of opportunity are standing wide open in such populous Jewish centers as Baltimore and New York and the work certainly deserves more serious and generous support than it has hitherto received. Notwithstanding the special assistance given by certain circles of friends, the outlay of the committee has been rapidly depleting its treasury. Obviously it costs more to conduct two stations than only one. The present scale of expenditures exceeds the rate not only of the ordinary biennial income, but also of the appropriation recommended by action of the last General Council Convention. Fortunately the committee has had a balance to draw on for its extension of work. But it is imperative that the Church address itself more resolutely to entering the door the Lord opened for it nine years ago and that it second its resolution by making adequate financial provision for the enlarging work. According to its budget for the biennium the committee needs an appropriation of $18,910. And it respectfully urges due consideration of this need because of its firm conviction that the time has come when Jewish Mission work must be recognized to

be on a par in point of importance with every other branch of missionary endeavor.

Our missionaries are men who believe in the blessedness of sowing beside all waters. The tabulations they have to offer annually of attendance at their meetings, of the number of inquirers, or of their baptisms of converts would seem inconsiderable to persons who are disposed to take a superficial view of the work of Jewish Missions. One member of your committee had occasion to interview a missionary of the Presbyterian Church who had spent twelve years in Jewish Missions in London and Glasgow. The moment the question of figures and statistics was raised this worker of wide experience gave an impatient shrug and began to deplore the persistent desire to count noses. His complaint about the common failure to grasp the real nature of the task of leavening Jewish communities with the faith and freedom of the Gospel at once brought to mind similar utterances of the venerable Dr. Henry Warren Roth, who was identified with Jewish Mission enterprises both at Chicago and at Pittsburgh.

With our dim apprehension of the social and religious background of Jewish life, it is not only modest but also wise to assume that our missionaries may perhaps prove helpful guides to lead our Church into a field barely entered by the American churches. Both Rev. Legum and Rev. Moritz are Israelites. Their descent and religious experiences have saved them from fictitious conceptions of the task before them. Their native gifts, their sustained enthusiasm, and their unbounded faith in the effectiveness and the future possibilities of our missions should be sufficient reason to rouse us out of our lethargy. The Lord has given us faithful leaders. Why should we not follow them with confidence and prayer and grateful offerings?

The committee's financial account is set forth in the following summary by the Treasurer, Rev. B. F. Hankey:

REPORT FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 1917, TO JULY 1, 1918

Balance in treasury, July 1, 1917	$2,475.14
Total receipts to July 1, 1918	3,426.87
Total	$5,900.01
Total expenditures to July 1, 1918	4,529.73
Balance in treasury July 1, 1918	$1,370.28
Expenditures in excess of twelve months' receipts	$1,102.86

Sources of Income:

Pittsburgh Synod	$1,125.40
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	931.97
Quadri-Centennial Fund	451.00
Augustana Synod	371.29
Synod of the Northwest	150.00

District Synod of Ohio	108.52
Chicago Synod	100.00
New York and New England Synod	79.01
Synod of Canada	51.74
New York Ministerium	33.13
Nova Scotia Synod	9.00
Synod of Central Canada	15.81
	$3,426.87
Additional receipts from July 1, 1918, to October 7, 1918	$523.39
Additional expenditures from July 1, 1918, to October 7, 1918	$1,278.19

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
FRANK C. OBERLY, *Secretary.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received and spread upon the minutes of this convention, with the elimination of the budget of the committee as found on page 10 of the printed report.

2. That this body expresses its sincere appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the Philadelphia laymen in effecting the organization of the Philadelphia Lutheran Association for Jewish Missions.

The recommendations were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on the Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering for Missions

DEAR BRETHREN:—When the report of this committee was presented to the Thirty-sixth Convention of the General Council in Philadelphia in October, 1917, we were given permission to insert a supplemental report in the minutes of that convention, the financial portion of our operations not being available at the time of the convention.

The delays in forwarding the contributions to the Fund by the various donors and synods were of so prolonged a character as to make impossible any such supplemental report before the minutes of the Thirty-sixth Convention went to print. We ask permission, therefore, to present this brief final report to the closing convention of the General Council.

The report is prepared for presentation to the General Council by the Sub-Committee on Ways and Means, consisting of the Revs. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., George Drach and Chas. K. Fegley. The full committee had its final meeting on January 7, 1918, and ceased to be active after that date.

The report will be found to consist of the list of the amounts distributed to the various participating Boards and of the audited report of the Treasurer of the Fund, the Rev. Chas. K. Fegley.

Comment upon the figures is omitted. They are eloquent enough in themselves.

The money received from time to time was distributed to the participating Boards in three separate payments of $23,000, $10,000 and $14,256.95, respectively.

This gives a total of $47,256.95, distributed among the Boards as follows:

Foreign	$14,165.10
English Home	12,719.49
German Home	3,891.65
Church Extension	3,764.56
Porto Rico-Latin America	2,824.67
Slav-Hungarian	2,824.67
Inner	1,882.78
Jewish	478.32
General Council Treasury (Memorial Fund)	4,705.71
	$47,256.95

In addition to the funds distributed by our committee, the Foreign Board was in receipt directly of $1,676.17 especially designated for its Thank-Offering account, so that the grand total to which the Mission Boards of the General Council benefited from the Thank-Offering was $48,933.12.

The detailed report of the Treasurer of the Thank-Offering is as follows:

TREASURER'S FINAL REPORT

Receipts

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$24,779.60	
Pittsburgh Synod	8,575.65	
New York and New England Synod	6,555.83	
Chicago Synod	2,733.21	
Synod of the Northwest	2,157.93	
Canada Synod	1,804.34	
Ohio Synod	1,783.43	
Pacific Synod	927.58	
Manitoba Synod	826.00	
Nova Scotia Synod	613.99	
Texas Synod	442.85	
New York Ministerium	381.64	
Synod of Central Canada	316.75	
Personal contributions	798.25	
Contributions by Organizations	1,251.96	
Supplying pulpits, etc.	308.10	
Sources unidentified	91.91	
Total Contributions		$54,349.02
Loans		3,100.00
Grand Total		$57,449.02

Expenditures and Distributions

Secretary-Treasurer's Salary	$1,875.00	
Stenographer's Salary	375.00	
Advertising and Printing	3,374.78	
Office	697.10	
Travel	504.75	
Postage	46.32	
Interest, exchange, etc.	47.51	
Refunds	171.61	
Distributed to Boards	47,256.95	
Total disbursements		$54,349.02
Loans repaid		3,100.00
		$57,449.02

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The within accounts of the Rev. Chas. K. Fegley, Treasurer of the Thank-Offering for Missions, have been examined and found correct.

W. FRED MONROE,
E. AUG. MILLER,
Auditing Committee.

As thus submitted, you are asked to receive and approve of this report and to relieve the committee of further duties.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee by the

SUB-COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Per CHAS. K. FEGLEY, *Executive Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

Thanks to Ways and Means Committee

The Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., in reference to the work of the Ways and Means Committee, presented the following, which was adopted and a copy of which is to be sent to the Ways and Means Committee by the Secretary:

In view of the tremendous difficulties, both legal and administrative, which have been faced and successfully met by the United Church Committee of Ways and Means, the General Council hereby expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the committee for its great and successful work in effecting the merging of the General Council in The United Lutheran Church.

The President called for a meeting of the Executive Committee after the close of this session.

The following committees were announced to audit the accounts of Boards—Porto Rico and Latin America Board, the Messrs. John H. Niebaum and Ralph M. Smith; Jewish Board, the Messrs. Wm. Steinmeyer and Ralph M. Smith; German Mission Board, the Messrs. Wm. P. M. Braun and Peter Woll, Jr.

The Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D., presented the

Report of Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges

Religious Work in Universities and Colleges is no longer an experiment. By some years of blessed work (beginning with the work at the University of Wisconsin, July, 1907) it has been established as not only a legitimate, but also a necessary, sphere of general Church activity. And the time is about at hand when an apologetic spirit need no longer breathe through a report on the same. Surely, no one would think it necessary in this generation for a report on Foreign Missions to defend the legitimacy of that noble department of Church work. The legitimacy and importance of that great work are now universally accepted as facts so firmly established by religious history and emphasized by the prophecies of fulfillment as to need no further demonstration. And what is true of Foreign Missions as the agency to win the world to Christ is true of Home Missions and Religious Work in Universities and Colleges to conserve to Christ and to His Church what has supposedly already been won. Thus University Student Work is a life-saving, rather than a life-bringing or life-giving, agency, although the active evangelistic element is not neglected. It is in line with the prevailing spirit of the age expressed by that pregnant word *conservation*. *Conservation!* Yes, that is the word to give point to the meaning of University Student Work. The future leaders in thought and activity in America are now in their intellectual training camps, our Universities and Colleges. Many of them are Lutherans. They need the Church. The Church needs them. It is our duty to conserve these future intellectual and commercial leaders of the state to be also among the future moral and spiritual leaders of the Kingdom of God. In a sense, this work is an endeavor to render to God the things that are God's, while rendering to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's. The Church of to-morrow will largely depend upon how the coming leaders of men are conserved to the Church of today.

As quite a full report of the activities at the various centres of operation was given to this body at its meeting a year ago, and as the present report is simply to bring the matter up to date for the conduct of the work by The United Lutheran Church, our report will be merely a summary.

THE WORK

The work at the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Pennsylvania has progressed in a very satisfactory

manner, and the results have been full of promise for a larger fruitage. Lectures, addresses, Bible Class work, not to speak of preaching services, have done much to keep students true to their Church and the Church's Lord. By careful registrations of students, the pastors have been enabled to keep in close touch with hundreds of these young men and women. Pastors C. A. Wendell, at Minneapolis, H. E. Snyder, at Madison, and C. P. Harry, at Philadelphia, have done good work at their respective Universities, and have also done work at other institutions of learning.

As the matter of occupying another center or centers, or of engaging a Field or Extension Secretary, was being considered, the worthy chairman of this committee, the Rev. William K. Frick, D.D., was taken ill. And then later on, as the time of the merger meeting drew nearer, it was deemed advisable not further to complicate activities until after that meeting, thus leaving it to the proper board of the United Church to occupy such additional centres and make such forward steps as in its judgment would seem best. The above fact also partly accounts for the comparatively large balance in our treasury.

It is gratifying also to note that, even apart from the work under the direct supervision of your committee, at the three centres noted above, work has been conducted at some other educational institutions, and notably at Cornell University, by the Synod of New York and New England.

THE FINANCES

The finances may be summarized as follows:

Balance, October 15, 1917		$2,934.14
Receipts up to November 1, 1918:		
Augustana Synod	$1,511.26	
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	736.20	
Pittsburgh Synod	568.06	
Synod of Northwest	500.00	
Ohio Synod	301.00	
Chicago Synod	135.00	
Synod of Central Canada	16.00	
Interest on deposits	108.48	
From Pastor Harry (Supply)	73.87	3,949.87
Total		$6,884.01
Expenditures to November 1, 1918 (13 months):		
To Rev. C. P. Harry, Salary (13¼ months)	$1,987.50	
To Rev. C. A. Wendell, Salary	650.00	
To Rev. H. E. Snyder, Salary	650.00	
For General Expenses	393.61	$3,681.11
Balance, November 1, 1918		$3,202.90

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

L. FRANKLIN GRUBER, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Report of Auditing Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges

We, as an auditing committee, have gone over the records of Rev. L. F. Gruber, treasurer for the funds for Religious Work in Universities and Colleges, covering the transactions from October 15, 1917, to November 1, 1918, and find the above statement to be correct and the balance of the fund to be as reported, $3,202.90.

C. G. Schulz,
H. E. Samuelson,
Auditing Committee.

St. Paul, Minnesota, November 2, 1918.

Received since above report closed:

Nov. 6th.	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$39.26	
Nov. 6th.	District Synod of Ohio	108.03	
Nov. 6th.	District Synod of Ohio	34.00	
Nov. 6th.	Pittsburgh Synod	461.96	
Nov. 9th.	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	353.60	$996.85
	Balance, as above		3,202.90
	Balance, Nov. 13, 1918		$4,199.75

The report of the committee with the report of the auditing committee were adopted.

The session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. John Hassler.

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THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Thursday, November 14, 1918, 9 A. M.

The Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., conducted the devotional service.

The minutes of the Third Session were read and adopted.

The Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., presented the

Report of the Board in Care of the Lutheran Church in the Virgin Islands, U. S. A.

Your board would respectfully report that its work during the past year was conducted under many difficulties due in the main to the fact that it

was unable to secure the necessary workers. A number of men called to the office of superintendent declined to serve, while the efforts to find deaconesses to take the place of those of the Queen Louise Society, who are to return to Denmark, has proved equally futile.

As early as September, 1918, the Danish Commissioner informed your board that he was ready to transfer the properties of the Danish Society to the General Council, but up to this time proper arrangements for taking over said properties could not be perfected. Your board, however, is of the opinion that the end of the war will remove many of these obstacles that hitherto interfered, that the transfer can be effected in the near future. These properties which will come into the possession of the Council are quite valuable, but will be conveyed to the Council without cost save in one instance where an incumbrance of $2,000 must be paid off to secure a clear title.

Our missionary, Dr. Pederson, is doing excellent work and has proved invaluable in helping the board to meet many local problems which had to be solved. Provost Helwig Larson, who until now has remained on the ground serving the congregation at Christianstedt, desires to be relieved at an early day, hence the great need of a man to take up his work.

The board would report that the Ways and Means Committee of The United Lutheran Church has recommended that the work in the Virgin Islands and in Porto Rico be combined to be carried on henceforth by what is to be known as The Board of West Indies Missions. We would recommend, therefore,

First, That the General Council instruct the Virgin Island Board with that of the Porto Rico Board in accordance with the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee of The United Lutheran Church.

Second, We further recommend that the General Council appoint a commissioner duly empowered to proceed to the islands and in behalf of the trustees of the General Council receive the properties to be conveyed by the Danish Society, which commissioner shall also have authority to execute all necessary papers connected with said transfer.

And we authorize and direct the trustees of the General Council to receive and hold title to said properties subject to the further order of the General Council and execute any and all papers and documents necessary to the assumption and holding of said title.

In behalf of the board in care of the Lutheran Church in the Virgin Islands, U. S. A.

W. D. C. KEITER,
Secretary pro tem.

The report was received and the recommendations were adopted.

The matter of a commissioner was referred to the members of the Board present today with instructions to make a recommendation to

this body. Later in the session the Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., reported the nomination of the Rev. Chas. H. Hemsath as Commissioner to the Virgin Islands. On motion, the nomination was confirmed by the General Council.

The following items of information were supplied by the Rev. William M. Horn, president of the Virgin Islands Board:

In accordance with the resolutions of the Ways and Means Committee, the Virgin Island Board will be merged with the Porto Rico Board.

The Virgin Islands Board has taken care of all the church work in the Virgin Islands since the last meeting of the General Council. There are at present in these islands five congregations with three pastors and four clerks in charge, two Deaconess Homes that care for children, babies and protect young girls, two Orphanages, three Old People's Homes, two Missionary Stations, two Parish Nurses who visit the sick and poor and relieve cases of distress. The support of this work means a current expense of about $15,000.00 a year. During the time that the board has had charge of the work, two of the congregations have adopted an every-member canvass endeavoring to meet a large part of their current expenses. The church at Fredericksted has been able to raise in pledges the sum of $900.00 for its current expense. This is a splendid thing when you consider that for nearly 200 years these churches were maintained and supported by the State Church of Denmark and have done nothing at all towards their own support. They have been interested in our marines and have shown a missionary spirit in contributing to our missions in Africa. The Danish Church has appropriated $3,000.00 for the parsonage in Fredericksted. The Deaconess Home will be turned over to the General Council as soon as the trustees authorize some one with the power of attorney to receive them. The native workers have helped in this work very greatly. Until the merger, the Rev. J. C. Pedersen, of Fredericksted, has been constituted acting superintendent. The work is also done at the jails and sugar plantations.

The board desires to ask the General Council at this meeting to cancel its note against them for $3,000.00. Plans developed for the raising of the necessary funds have been held up by the epidemic and other campaigns for funds in the Church.

Report of Treasurer of General Council

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. Hager, it was *Resolved,* That the Finance and Budget Committee be empowered to receive the report of the Treasurer of the General Council and have it spread on the minutes and properly audited. The report is as follows:

Report of the Treasurer of the General Council

A. G. Anderson, *Treasurer, in account with the General Expense Fund of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, since 1917 audit.*

DEBIT

Balance as per report Oct. 1, 1917, to the General Council by A. G. Anderson, Treasurer		$10,630.71
Ministerium of Pennsylvania		1,120.00
Ministerium of New York		471.30
Pittsburgh Synod		800.00
District Synod of Ohio		208.00
Augustana Synod		1,040.00
Canada Synod		63.48
Chicago Synod		55.00
Pacific Synod		84.00
New York and New England Synod		368.00
For the Deficit Fund		216.00
General Council Memorial Fund		4,705.71
General Council Inner Mission Committee		1,882.78
For the Quadri-Centennial Committee:		
Augustana Synod Churches, Greater Boston	$6.46	
First English Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	20.00	
Mt. Zion Church, Vincennes, Ind.	3.75	
St. Mark's Church, Whitestown, Ind.	5.00	
Rev. C. E. Olson, Boise, Idaho	1.00	
Swedish Church, Princeton, Ill.	2.00	
St. Peter's English Church	5.00	
Swedish Church, Albert City, Iowa	2.00	
Swedish Church, Swedesburg, Iowa	2.00	
Swedish Church, Gowrie, Iowa	10.00	
Swedish Church, Swede Valley, Iowa	2.05	
Swedish Church, Fremont, Iowa	2.50	
Swedish Gethsemane Church, Hopkins, Minn.	3.65	
New York and New England Synod	45.00	
Swedish Church, Calumet, Mich.	2.00	
Swedish Church, Manistique, Mich.	2.00	
Swedish Church, Escanaba, Mich.	2.00	
Swedish Church, Essex, Iowa	2.00	
Swedish Church, Dayton, Iowa	4.89	
Swedish Church, Missoula, Mont.	1.20	
St. Mark's Church, New York	4.50	
Trinity Church, Maspeth, L. I.	3.00	
Emanuel Church, New Haven, Conn.	5.00	
Holy Trinity, Rockville Center, N. Y.	3.21	
St. Paul's, Pittsford, N. Y.	5.00	
		145.21
Interest Collected		415.64
Mr. John C. Cappelmann, Treasurer United Synod South, being that Synod's share of the expenses for the incorporation of The United Lutheran Church		27.00
Total		$22,232.83

CREDIT

Secretary's salary and compensation for transcribing minutes of 1915	$240.00
Rev. W. K. Frick, account of secretarial expenses	50.00
Liberty Bonds	5,000.00
Rev. W. L. Hunton, expenses incurred by Transportation Committee, mimeographing ballots for election	40.00
For printing and postage	160.45
Publicity Committee	25.00
Expenses of Commissioners attending the meeting of the United Synod of the South	257.93
Rev. P. Helweg Larson, traveling expenses in U. S. in interest of Virgin Islands	200.00
Delegates to the General Council at Philadelphia	758.28
Expenses of the President's Office—clerical work, stenographer's services, telegrams, cablegrams, etc.	186.29
Inner Mission Committee	267.03
The Board for the care of the Lutheran Churches in the Virgin Islands:	
Appropriation $800.00	
Loan 3,000.00	
	3,800.00
Rev. E. F. Krauss, expenses in attending Western Executive Committee of Commission on Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, held at Minneapolis	26.82
Henry Moehling, Jr., for engrossing Loyalty Resolutions	25.00
Committee on Charter and Incorporation	198.14
Ways and Means and Merger Committees and Sub-Committees.	1,603.60
Quadri-Centennial Committee, E. Clarence Miller, Treas.	124.50
Delegates to National Lutheran Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Commission	201.04
General Council Publication Board, for 500 copies General Council Bulletin and 700 copies each General Council Supplements No. 1 and No. 2, including postage and expressage	626.48
Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, expenses to Victoria, Texas, and return, in attending the meeting of the Texas Synod on behalf of the merger	125.00
Mr. M. S. Hottenstein, New York, attorney fees and expenses incurred in behalf of the Merger Committee	400.00
Rev. Prof. J. L. Neve, expenses in attending the Canada Synod on behalf of the merger	31.30
Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, expenses in attending the Augustana Synod on behalf of the merger	76.20
General Council Publication House for printing Minutes of 1916 Convention and two pamphlets	1,297.63
Rev. J. E. Whitteker, special trip to Milwaukee and return to officially represent the General Council at the funeral of its Secretary, the Rev. Dr. W. K. Frick	55.00
Delegates to National Lutheran Council	228.92

Executive Committee		149.32
Prof. Charles M. Jacobs, expenses attending a meeting of the Federation of Churches at Chicago	$75.00	
Charges for forwarding money by telegraph	1.30	
Night letter	.55	
		76.85
Total		$16,230.78

Balance cash on hand:

Jubilee Fund	$1,705.71	
Inner Mission Fund	1,882.78	
For the Quadri-Centennial Committee	20.71	
General Council Treasury	2,392.85	
		6,002.05
		$22,232.83

Additional Resources:

Liberty Bonds, drawing 4¼% interest	$5,000.00
Note payable on demand by the Board of the Virgin Islands, Wm. M. Horn, chairman, with 6% interest	3,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) A. G. ANDERSON,
Treasurer General Council.

Rock Island, Nov. 11, 1918.

The Rev. F. W. Bussard presented the

Pacific Synod's Appeal for Endorsement of Pacific Theological Seminary

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Whereas, The whole Lutheran Church has but one theological seminary in all the western half of the United States, viz.:—the Pacific Theological Seminary, at Seattle, Washington; and

Whereas, The Lutheran Church has on the Pacific coast a wonderful field of present and future possibilities, the great opportunities of which can never be realized without educational facilities adequately equipped and securely established; and

Whereas, The California and Pacific Synods are united in the conviction that the needs of their work render imperative a seminary of the first order on the coast; and

Whereas, The said Synods have formally and unanimously agreed (subject to the approval of The United Lutheran Church) to co-operate in the use and maintenance of the Pacific Seminary, at Seattle, until the time shall come to establish a similar institution on the territory of the California Synod;

Now therefore we, the representatives of the Pacific Synod, respectfully submit for the approval and endorsement of the General Council the plan which, with the advice and approval of the officers of the Synod, has been unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary, for the effective realization of these aims, to wit:

1. The securing of a *general Endowment fund* of $250,000.00, to be divided into two hundred and fifty shares of $1,000.00 each, and to be due and payable as follows: ten per cent. when $50,000.00 shall have been subscribed and the fact of such subscription attested by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church. In like manner an additional 10% when $100,000.00 have been subscribed; an additional 10% when $150,000.00 have been subscribed; an additional 10% when $200,000.00 have been subscribed; an additional 10% when $250,000.00 have been subscribed; and the remaining 50% one year after the date when the total amount shall have been pledged. This endowment shall be exclusive of any special endowments of separate professorships by individuals who may desire to further the work by contributing $50,000.00, or more, for such purpose.

2. As none of this endowment fund shall be used to defray the expenses of any agent of the institution, or for any salaries, *a special Expense fund* shall be raised for the purpose of meeting these necessary outlays, maintaining the institution and paying the present debt upon original cost of property, by asking Sunday Schools, Luther Leagues, Women's Societies, Brotherhoods and individuals throughout the Church to contribute a definite sum of from $5.00 to $50.00 per year for five years.

3. Efforts shall be made to obtain *the means for the erection of buildings* through special benefactions by individuals, to be made as the buildings may be needed, or placed in the hands of the Board of Directors to be invested in first-class securities until the buildings become an absolute necessity.

To carry these plans into effect the board has unanimously called the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., who for almost twenty years has been the general superintendent of the English Home Mission work of the General Council, as President of the institution, whose special work is to be the securing; first, of the pledges of $5.00 to $50.00 to cover current expenses of maintenance and canvass together with balance due on purchase price of property; secondly, the $250,000.00 endowment fund; and, thirdly, the funds needed for the erection of buildings, which it is hoped will be memorials to the men and women who love their Church and their native land.

And inasmuch as not only his acceptance of the position, but also the success of the foregoing plans for making the Pacific Seminary an effective instrument of the Church, as well as the successful development of a great missionary opportunity upon territory of strategic importance, depend upon the disposition which The United Lutheran Church shall make of this matter; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Council approve the agreement of the Pacific Synod and the California Synod to co-operate in the use and maintenance of the Pacific Theological Seminary, at Seattle, Washington; and

Resolved, That the General Council endorse the plan formulated and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Pacific Seminary for the securing of a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar endowment fund, for the raising of a special expense fund by solicitation from societies and individuals of congregations, and for the obtaining of the funds needed for the erection of buildings; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Council recommend to The United Lutheran Church in America the adoption of similar resolutions of approval and endorsement.

F. W. Bussard,
M. E. Boulton,
W. S. T. Derr,
P. W. H. Frederick.

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. Hager it was *Resolved,* That we recommend the entire plan to The United Lutheran Church with the request for fullest consideration.

The Rev. F. W. Bussard presented the following

Resolutions of the Pacific Synod Requesting Action by the General Council Upon the Matter of the Synod's Proper Boundaries

Whereas, This Synod in 1907, in agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, established its eastern boundary at the 111th meridian; and

Whereas, The southern line of Oregon and Idaho has long been recognized as our legitimate southern boundary; and

Whereas, The proper development and support of our vitally important Pacific Theological Seminary will require the united co-operation of all congregations established, or to be established, on our territory: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Pacific Synod at this time definitely define its bounds as herein before described; and

Resolved, That we ask the General Council formally to recognize the same before the merger goes into effect, as marking the territory of the Pacific Synod until such time as further developments may necessitate or make advisable a readjustment thereof through the organization of additional synods.

(Adopted by the Pacific Synod at its Eighteenth Convention, Yakima, Washington, June 5-9, 1918.)

Signed: F. W. Bussard, *President.*
W. I. Eck, *Secretary.*

The resolutions were adopted.

The Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America is now ready to meet with the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, and the United Lutheran Church in the South, in joint session, to merge and organize The United Lutheran Church in America under the Constitution adopted by these three general bodies.

The President appointed the two following committees to be the bearers of this resolution and of the hearty greetings of the General Council to the two other merging general bodies:

To the General Synod—Rev. J. Fry, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Rev. F. W. Bussard, Mr. John M. Snyder, Mr. George Hemsing.

To the United Synod in the South—Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D., Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., Rev. E. F. Krauss, D.D., E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.

Announcement was made of the presence of the committee of the General Synod to report the final action taken by the said Synod in reference to the merger, and on motion it was resolved by a rising vote that we receive the committee. The committee reported that the General Synod was now ready to unite with the General Council in the merger.

The Rev. J. Fry, D.D., reported that the committee appointed to visit the General Synod had discharged its duties and that the committee had been graciously received.

The Secretary read the following report of the Executive Committee in reference to nominations for the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America:

Whereas, At the session of yesterday afternoon it was *Resolved,* That we instruct the Executive Committee to present its nominations to this body

tomorrow morning, the Executive Committee would report that it met at the call of the chair and made the following nominations for the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America: Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., Mr. E. Clarence Miller, and Mr. Frederick Henrich.

The report was adopted.

The following additional nominations were made on the floor: Rev. Prof. C. M. Jacobs, D.D., Rev. Prof. E. F. Krauss, D.D., Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., and Mr. Wm. H. Hager.

The Secretary was instructed to have the usual number of copies of the minutes printed unless The United Lutheran Church in America makes some different arrangement.

The Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., presented the following

Report of the Committee on Resume of the Work Accomplished and of the Results Achieved by the General Council

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, which is now about to merge into The United Lutheran Church in America, has made fifty-one years of history. Has it justified its existence?

The call for the convention that organized the General Council emanated from the Mother Synod—the Ministerium of Pennsylvania—in 1866. There was at that time no general organization in the Lutheran Church of America that stood unequivocally for the faith set forth in the Church's historic Confessions, and that endeavored to preserve the Church's spirit, life and worship in accordance with that faith. The one general body then in existence embraced less than one-half of the membership of the Lutheran Church in this land, "and just those portions of Lutheranism which were most thoroughly consistent with the faith of the Church were not in the general body. Not only the whole of the German, but more especially the whole of the rapidly growing and confessionally faithful Swedish element were not in any general touch" (Report of the President, 1907).

Hence we find in the afore-mentioned call the following words:

"It is most clear that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America needs a general organization, first and supremely for the maintenance of unity in the true faith of the Gospel, and in the uncorrupted Sacraments, as the Word of God teaches and our Church confesses them; and, furthermore, for the preservation of her genuine spirit and worship, and for the development of her practical life in all its forms. It is no less clear that there is no existing organization adapted to these great ends, or capable of being adapted to them."

In conformity with the purposes thus set forth the founders of the General Council prepared and adopted the Fundamental Principles upon which its Constitution was based, to wit:

I. There must be and abide through all time, one holy Christian Church, which is the assembly of all believers, among whom the Gospel is purely preached, and the Holy Sacraments are administered, as the Gospel demands.

To the true Unity of the Church, it is sufficient that there be agreement touching the doctrine of the Gospel, that it be preached in one accord, in its pure sense, and that the Sacraments be administered conformably to God's Word.

II. The true Unity of a particular Church, in virtue of which men are truly members of one and the same Church, and by which any Church abides in real identity, and is entitled to a continuation of her name, is unity in doctrine and faith, and in the Sacraments, to wit: That she continues to teach and to set forth, and that her true members embrace from the heart, and use, the articles of faith and the Sacraments as they were held and administered when the Church came into distinctive being and received a distinctive name.

III. The Unity of the Church is witnessed to, and made manifest in, the solemn public and official Confessions which are set forth, to wit: The generic Unity of the Christian Church in the general Creeds, and the specific Unity of pure parts of the Christian Church in their specific Creeds; one chief object of both classes of which Creeds is, that Christians who are in the Unity of faith, may know each other as such, and may have a visible bond of fellowship.

IV. That Confessions may be such a test of Unity and bond of Union, they must be accepted in every statement of doctrine in their own true, native, original and only sense. Those who set them forth and subscribe them must not only agree to use the same words, but must use and understand those words in one and the same sense.

V. The Unity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as a portion of the holy Christian Church, depends upon her abiding in one and the same faith, in confessing which she obtained her distinctive being and name, her political recognition, and her history.

VI. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession is by pre-eminence the Confession of that faith. The acceptance of its doctrines and the avowal of them without equivocation or mental reservation, make, mark and identify that Church, which alone in the true, original, historical and honest sense of the term is the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

VII. The only Churches, therefore, of any land, which are properly in the Unity of that Communion, and by consequence entitled to its name, Evangelical Lutheran, are those which sincerely hold and truthfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

VIII. We accept and acknowledge the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in its original sense as throughout in conformity with the pure truth of which God's Word is the only rule. We accept its statements of truth as in perfect accordance with the Canonical Scriptures: We reject the errors it condemns, and believe that all which it commits to the liberty of the Church, of right belongs to that liberty.

IX. In thus formally accepting and acknowledging the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, we declare our conviction, that the other Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, inasmuch as they set forth none other than its system of doctrine, and articles of faith, are of necessity pure and scriptural. Pre-eminent among such accordant pure and scriptural statements of doctrine, by their intrinsic excellence, by their historical position, and by the general judgment of the Church, are these: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, all of which are, with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in the perfect harmony of one and the same scriptural faith.

In accordance with these Principles the General Council was organized and has made its history. It has throughout the fifty-one years of its existence stood firmly for the maintenance of these Principles. It has obligated its theological professors to teach in conformity with them. Its pastors, unaffected by the New Theology and its rationalistic pronouncements, have contended for and preached the faith which the Council confessed. Its liturgy and hymn-book give expression to the same faith. Its sermonic, devotional and Sunday-school literature are permeated by it. Its declarations on pulpit and altar fellowship and on secret societies agree with it. Constitutions of old and new synods and congregations have been rewritten and written in harmony with the Council's position. Nor have these Principles and influences been at work only within the Council. Occupying as it did from the beginning a position that avoided the rigor of stern discipline on the one hand while guarding against laxity on the other, it became an educational force both within and outside of itself. Thus its own pastors and congregations grew into a clearer consciousness of Lutheran faith and practice; while others, not of this body, but unquestionably influenced by it, by degrees likewise reached this result. It was this that made possible the movement which ultimately produced the Common Service Book and Hymnal, and the development which is about to eventuate in the United Church.

When the General Council held its first regular convention it numbered 11 synods, 478 ministers, 950 congregations, and 126,296 confirmed members. At the close of the 1917 convention these figures had grown to 14 synods, 1,680 ministers, 2,564 congregations, and 524,960 confirmed members, together with 586 parochial schools having 842 teachers and 24,312 pupils, and 2,296 Sunday-schools, with 32,286 teachers and 291,882 scholars.

From a few small beginnings by District Synods Home Missionary operations in English, German, Swedish and more than half a dozen other

tongues have during the Council's existence spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific and into Canada, conducted by an English, a German, a Swedish, and a Slav Board. Out of these operations grew at least four aggressive missionary synods, namely, the English Synod of the Northwest (1891), the Synod of Manitoba (1897), the Pacific Synod (1901), and the Synod of Central Canada (1909). In 1869 the neglected work in India was taken in hand and began to be prosecuted so vigorously that at the close of 1916 the Board of Foreign Missions reported an active foreign working force of 36, a native working force of 563, a total membership, including children, of 26,486, together with 309 Sunday-schools in which 9,308 pupils were taught by 405 teachers, and 302 other schools attended by 11,067 children. Besides these evangelistic and educational activities the Mission also carries on an extensive medical and zenana work. In 1908 the Council joined the United Synod of the South in the effort to spread the Gospel among the Japanese, and now has six of the thirteen ordained missionaries in that field. In 1901 a special board was appointed to take over and conduct the operations that had been begun in Porto Rico. These have since resulted in the organization of nine congregations, the establishing of 13 mission stations, and the opening of 22 Sunday-schools with an enrollment of about 1,800. And at the 1917 convention of the Council a new board was authorized to take charge of the Lutheran churches in the Virgin Islands.

Inner Mission work—a term to which American churches were strangers when the Council was organized, has within the last decade and a half claimed ever-increasing attention, not only within the Council, which first began its agitation, but far beyond. Inner Mission societies have been formed, city missions have been established, hospices, settlements and rescue homes have been opened, and congregations have begun to feel their responsibility for work of an Inner Mission character. While the synods uniting in the formation of the Council had scarcely more than half a dozen benevolent institutions to their credit, there were at the close of 1917 within the Council no less than 18 orphans' homes, 13 homes for the aged, 5 homes for defectives, 9 hospitals, 3 immigrant and seamen's missions, 4 deaconess houses and a number of miscellaneous activities.

At the close of 1867 the Council could lay claim to only two theological seminaries and three colleges on its territory; at the close of 1917 the number had grown to five theological seminaries, ten colleges, seven academies, and one school for girls. It was in these power-houses of the Church that hundreds of men were prepared for the ministry of the Word, and other hundreds and thousands of young men and women received the training that made them efficient in the Church's lay activities. Many of the graduates of these institutions have risen to eminence and leadership in Church and State; and had it not been for its schools of higher learning and Christian nurture the Council could not have perpetuated itself.

Most noteworthy is the literature produced by the General Council. Fifty years ago such a thing as an English Lutheran literature was hardly

known. Since then a large number of clear thinkers and able writers connected with the Council have given works to the Church and the world that, in the value of their contents and their educational influence, are unsurpassed. A mere mention of authors and titles would make a surprisingly long list. All these publications have not only been of immense service to our own people, but they have helped greatly to disseminate needed information among those of other communions who were ignorant of Lutheran history, teaching and practice. In this connection very special mention should also be made of the Council's complete provision for the religious instruction of the Church's children and young people. It was the first to work out and introduce a Graded Series of Sunday-school Lessons. So thoroughly has this work been done, and so satisfactory are the results wherever the system is properly used, that its great pedagogical value has been freely recognized by leading educators.

With the growth of the Council an extensive new periodical literature in English, German and Swedish likewise came into existence, the educational value of which should not be underestimated. At least one of these, the *Church Review,* begun in 1882, is of the greatest importance as a repository of papers of the most substantial and enduring character. In the union of church papers that had been individual enterprises the Council obtained official organs in THE LUTHERAN and *Der Deutsche Lutheraner,* that, in the ability with which they are edited, now occupy a front place in the ranks of such periodicals. In everything pertaining to the Church's literature the Publication House in Philadelphia and the Augustana Book Concern at Rock Island, both grown from small beginnings to large proportions, have been of inestimable service.

Next to the preservation of sound doctrine the General Council was from the beginning concerned to give its congregations a Liturgy and Hymns that should adequately express the faith it confessed. This it did in the *Church Book* of 1868, and the *Kirchenbuch* of 1877, the former revised and enlarged in 1871, and again in 1891, when the Common Service with all that belongs to it, the History of the Passion, and the Ministerial Acts, together with sixty-two additional hymns, were included, making the Church Book of that year by far the most complete manual of worship and devotion that the Church in America had ever had in English. What is now the Common Service, representing the consensus of the pure Lutheran liturgies of the sixteenth century, is in reality the culmination of the liturgical history of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, begun by Muhlenberg and his co-laborers in 1748; and said Service may yet become the basis for the fulfillment of Muhlenberg's hope "that all Evangelical Lutheran congregations should be united with one another, and all use the same Order of Service." In 1872 appeared the *Church Book With Music,* edited by Harriet Reynolds Krauth, complete in its provisions for all the parts of the service; and in 1893 the revised and enlarged edition of the same to fit the revised and enlarged Church Book of 1891. In 1879 the *Cantional und*

Choralbuch, prepared by Mr. John Endlich, to furnish the full musical material for the Kirchenbuch, was issued. Of the hymn portion of the Church Book of 1868 so eminent a hymnological authority as the Rev. Dr. Louis F. Benson declares in his recent work, *The English Hymn*, "that there was at the time no American hymnal so fully representative of the development of Hymnody, so discriminating in selection, so scholarly in treatment"; and of the new hymnal, with the making of which members of this body have had so much to do, this same authority says: "It is an excellent book, made with brains and not with a pair of scissors and pot of paste." From the start the General Council also interested itself in the healthful development of the devotional life of its children. In 1873 it issued the *Sunday School Book*, one of the very first publications in America to provide worthy hymns and music for the Sunday-school session. Revised and enlarged this book re-appeared in 1896. In 1876 the *Sonntagschulbuch* made its appearance. This was revised and re-issued in enlarged form in 1896. In 1885 the *Little Children's Book* for use with the younger children in the school and family, left the press. This book at once became a great favorite, and has passed through many editions. It can confidently be asserted that the influence of all these liturgical, hymnological and musical publications in the devotional life of adults and children alike, has been very great. The Council was moreover the first and only Lutheran body in America that undertook to encourage and foster a correct Church Art by having standing committees on Church Music and Church Architecture. The various convocations held by the former, and the suggestions made by the latter to many pastors and building committees, have beyond question been productive of much good.

If the spiritual life of a Church may to an extent be measured by the liberality of its members, we have additional reason for thanksgiving. To say nothing of large private bequests that have during the Council's history been made to its educational and benevolent institutions, it is most gratifying to note how the congregations have responded to the calls of the Church. Thus according to the last Minutes of the Council its congregations owned property valued at more than thirty-seven million dollars, raised during the preceding year the sum of $4,759,252 for local expenses and contributed $961,848 for benevolent purposes.

We see, then, that the General Council has accomplished its highest purpose. Its scriptural doctrinal position; its maintenance of the faith in strict accordance with the Lutheran Confessions in their own true, native, original and only sense; its preaching and teaching of the unadulterated Gospel in thousands of congregations; its labors in the field of liturgies, hymnology and church music; its missionary operations at home and abroad; its educational and benevolent work; its concern for the proper religious training of the children of the Church; and the extensive literature which its theologians and other gifted writers have produced—all these have had a most pro-

found influence in many directions, and have borne abundant fruit in many minds, hearts and lives.

At the close of the Council's history we think with deepest reverence of the long line of devout men who, by their scholarly attainments, their valiant defense of the faith, and their abundant labors, made this body a force that has left its impress upon the life of the Lutheran Church in America for generations to come. And now, as the principles for which they stood are the unchanging principles of Holy Scripture; and since amid the vagaries and doctrinal indefiniteness of the present it is all the more necessary to hold fast to these with unwavering fidelity, we conclude this brief resumè of the work accomplished and the results achieved by asking that, as a last act of this body, we once more pledge ourselves to the Principles of the Reformation, as set forth in the Minutes of 1917, p. 283, to wit: We solemnly re-affirm and confess the Principles of the Protestant Reformation as embodied in the Confessions of our Church, especially the doctrines of the sole authority of the Holy Scriptures, of the Person, Offices and Work of Christ, of salvation wholly by grace and Justification by Faith, of the efficacy of the Holy Spirit through the Word and Sacraments, of the Church and the congregation of saints and true believers, and of the Universal Brotherhood of believers, as requiring no modification or amendment because of any supposed progress of more recent years. We pledge ourselves anew to teach and defend them against all error, whether of olden or more modern times.

J. F. Ohl.
G. H. Trabert.
Geo. W. Sandt.
D. M. Kemerer.
S. E. Ochsenford.
Reuben D. Wenrich.
Martin Wulff.
M. M. Bauer.
J. Louis Frederick.
M. L. Deck.

The report was received to be spread upon the minutes and the pledge contained in the closing paragraph was adopted by a rising vote.

The Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., reported for the Corresponding Secretaries that since the regular convention of the General Council nothing had occurred which required their attention.

The presence of the committee from the United Synod in the South to report the final action of that Synod on the merger was announced. The committee was received and reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South is now ready to meet with the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America and the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America in joint session, to merge and organize The United Lutheran Church in America under the Constitution adopted by those three general bodies.

It was *Resolved,* That the General Council hereby expresses its hearty thanks to the pastor and church council of Holy Trinity Church and to the local committee of arrangements for the hospitable entertainment at this, the last regular convention of the General Council.

The President announced that the gavel which is being used at this closing convention of the General Council is the gavel which was used for the first time at the first convention of the Council.

It was *Resolved,* That when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at the call of the Executive Committee and in accordance with the provisions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

It was *Resolved,* That the General Council hereby expresses its deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the officers of the General Council for the faithful discharge of every duty imposed upon them during the many years of its existence.

On motion of the Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., which motion was adopted by a rising vote, the following committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in memory of the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., deceased: the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht (President of the Synod of the Northwest), and the Rev. George H. Trabert, D.D., the resolutions to be placed in the hands of the Secretary. The resolutions follow:

Resolutions on the Death of Dr. Frick

In the death of Rev. William Keller Frick, D.D., the General Council has not only lost its most efficient and painstaking Secretary, but the Church one of its most faithful servants. Dr. Frick was not only a good preacher and faithful pastor, but a man of broad outlook and intense zeal for the extension of the Church. The principles for which the General Council stood were his ideal, and he lived to promote those principles. He looked forward with intense interest to the merging of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, into The United Lutheran Church in America, and did all that lay in his power to aid in preparing the way for the merger, to the consummation of which he eagerly looked forward, but it was not God's will that he should live to see it. Therefore:

Resolved 1. That in the death of Dr. Frick the General Council, and indeed the whole Lutheran Church, has lost one of its most faithful ministers, whose work in advancing the interests of the Church will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved 2. That we express our deep regret that he was not permitted to see the completion of the union of the three general bodies, in which he took such a deep interest, and toward which he looked with sanguine hope, realizing its importance for the highest welfare of the whole Lutheran Church.

Resolved 3. That we thank a kind heavenly Father for the services His servant was permitted to render to the Church, and hereby gratefully put on record our appreciation of the same, while we humbly submit to the divine will.

GEORGE H. TRABERT,
G. KELLER RUBRECHT,
Committee.

The Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., directed the attention of the General Council to the death of the Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., who was the first Secretary of the General Council, and moved that the Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., be appointed to prepare proper resolutions for the minutes. The motion was adopted and the resolutions follow:

Memorial Minute to the Rev. Henry Warren Roth, D.D., LL.D.

Doctor Roth was born in Prospect, Butler Co., Pa., April 5th, 1838. His parents were plain, God-fearing farmers; devoted members of the English Lutheran Church. They had the rare distinction of giving three of their sons to the Lutheran ministry.

The eldest of the three is the subject of our sketch. He graduated with honors from Pennsylvania College in 1861. The then young Pastor Passavant had found him as a country boy and had directed him to college. As Passavant had started Grace Church, South Side, Pittsburgh, he had Roth assist him there, while he attended the Western Theological Presbyterian Seminary. Pastor Passavant assisted and supervised the theological studies of young Mr. Roth, who became pastor of Grace Church.

For more than half a century Doctor Roth was the tried and true helper of Doctor Passavant. He was an efficient assistant of the Doctor in starting the many young congregations in and about Pittsburgh. He assisted Dr. Passavant in editing *The Missionary*. Later on he helped in the hospital and orphan work. For two years he presided over Thiel Hall, Monaca, Pa. This young school sent a large proportion of its sons into the ministry. When Thiel Hall became Thiel College and removed to Greenville, Pa., Dr. Roth became its first president. During his incumbency of nearly twenty years a larger proportion of its graduates entered the ministry than at any other time.

It was during these years of Dr. Roth's earlier ministry that the controversies between "New Measure" Lutherans and "old" Luthers so-called

raged wildly over Western Pennsylvania. Doctors Passavant and Roth were out night after night, preaching, debating and catechising in schoolhouse, courthouse and church. Doctor Roth, as a ready debater, was in demand everywhere and did much to win and to establish the churches in the faith once delivered to the saints. He took an active interest in organizing the General Council, was its first secretary, and held the office for five years. The Minutes of those early conventions, with their copious quotations from the discussions on the great principles that became the foundation of the General Council, show the interest and the painstaking labors of the first secretary.

While pastor of Wicker Park Church, Chicago, Dr. Roth rendered valiant assistance to Doctor Passavant in founding and starting the Chicago Seminary. On the opening he became Professor of Practical Theology and held the chair until ill health induced him to resign. He was a member of the seminary's board of directors and its treasurer from the time of its organization till his death. On his dying bed he compiled his last report and prayed for the seminary which he loved with a consuming love.

Dr. Roth had assisted Doctor Passavant in the founding and managing of his many institutions of mercy from the beginning. Since the death of the Rev. W. A. Passavant, Junior, Dr. Roth was director of all the institutions. His departure has left a great vacancy in the forces that sought out candidates for the ministry and took an interest in their proper training as well as in the ranks of the workers for the Inner Mission. The workmen depart, but the work goes on.

G. H. G.

Report of the Board of Education

Owing to the war conditions, the Board of Education of the General Council has held no general meeting since the General Council convened in Philadelphia in October, 1917. The Executive Committee of the Board, however, has been active in the preparation for the merging of this Board with similar Boards of the General Synod and the United Synod South. A conference with representatives of those Boards, together with the chairman of the University Work Committee of the General Council, was held in Baltimore to formulate a constitution for the proposed Board of Education of The United Lutheran Church. The draft thus made was the subject of a further consultation by the Corresponding Secretaries of the Boards together with the chairman of the sub-committee on constitutions appointed by the Committee on Ways and Means, and through him was presented to said Committee.

There is an unexpended balance of $137.56 in the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Steimle,
Corresponding Secretary.

The report was adopted.

A communication received from the Pan-Lutheran Mission Society was read.

On motion of President Schmauk, it was *Resolved,* That we give expression to our gratitude to God for that which has been accomplished by the General Council.

The convention adjourned at 2 P. M. with the use of two verses of the hymn, "A mighty Fortress is our God," and the Form for the Closing of Synods.

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Special Meeting of General Council

At the call of the President, the General Council held a special meeting November 18, 1918, at 5:55 P. M., in the United Engineers' Building (New York City), and adopted the following:

Resolved, That the General Council hereby requests the District Synods to approve, and to report to the Secretary of the General Council as soon as possible their approval of, the following Resolutions adopted by the General Council on October 25th, 1917, as amended by the General Council on November 12th, 1918, to wit,—(See p. 16 of these printed Minutes).

W. L. STOUGH, *Secretary.*

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APPENDIX

New York State Religious Corporations Act

AN ACT to amend the religious corporations law, in relation to corporations with governing authority over, or advisory relations with, churches or synods, or both.

Became a law May 6, 1918, with the approval of the Governor. Passed. three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section fifteen of chapter fifty-three of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled, "An act in relation to religious corporations, constituting chapter fifty-one of the consolidated laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 15. *Corporations with governing authority over, or advisory relations with, churches or synods, or both.* An unincorporated diocesan convention, presbytery, classis, synod, annual or biennial conference or convention, or other governing or advisory body having jurisdiction over or relations with several or a number of churches or synods, or synods and churches, some or all of which are located in this state, may at a meeting thereof duly held, determine to become incorporated by a designated name, and may by a plurality vote, elect not less than three nor more than fifteen persons to be the first trustees of such corporation. The presiding officer and clerk of such governing or advisory body shall execute and acknowledge a certificate stating that such proceedings were duly taken as herein provided, the name by which such corporation is to be known, and the names of such first trustees. On filing such certificate the members of such governing or advisory body and their successors shall be a corporation by the name stated in the certificate, and the persons named as trustees therein shall be the first trustees thereof.

The trustees of every incorporated governing or advisory body and their successors shall hold their offices during the pleasure of such body, which may remove them and fill vacancies in accordance with its rules and regulations. Such corporation may hold its meetings and elect its trustees annually or biennially, and may hold its first and any other meetings outside this state if any of the churches or synods governed or advised by it are located outside this state. Such corporation may take, administer and dispose of real and personal property in and outside this state for the benefit of such governing or advisory body or of any parish, congregation, society, church, mission, synod, religious, benevolent, charitable or educational institution existing or acting under or related to it, or of any religious work or activity. Such corporation may elect the members of unincorporated or incorporated boards to carry on particular lines of religious work or activity. Such corporation may have in addition to its by-laws, a constitution; and such constitution may be adopted or amended in such manner as the corporation will determine.

§ This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State. } *ss:*

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

FRANCIS M. HUGO,
Secretary of State.

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St. Mark's Church, Roanoke, Va.

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Minutes of the United Synod

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South

The opening service of the Sixteenth Biennial Convention of the United Synod was held in St. Mark's Church, Roanoke, Va., on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1918, at 11 A. M., the President, the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., preaching the Synodical sermon on the text Psalm 102:18-28. The Preparatory and Communion Services were conducted by the officers of Synod, assisted by the *pastor loci,* the Rev. J. L. Sieber, and the Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon addresses were made by the Rev. H. A. McCullough, D.D., and the Rev. John C. Seegers, D.D., on "Our Institutions of Mercy" and "Our Publication Interests", respectively. In the evening the cause of Home Missions was presented by the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, General Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and that of Foreign Missions was presented by the Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

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FIRST SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1918, 9:30 A. M.

The Synod, after a devotional service conducted by the Rev. I. E. Long, was opened by the use of the prescribed form. In view of the fact that the morning papers had announced the signing of the armistice by the German authorities and that the citizens of Roanoke were celebrating the event by a civic demonstration, it was voted that Synod, as a body, take part, and reassemble at 11 o'clock.

Synod was called to order at 11 A. M. The members of the several synodical delegations were reported and enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD

North Carolina Synod

Clerical—M. M. Kinard, D.D., *C. A. Brown, J. L. Morgan, J. F. Crigler, W. A. Lutz, **M. L. Stirewalt, I. E. Long, **L. A. Thomas, G. W. McClanahan, C. I. Morgan.

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Lay—**Capt. R. F. Bowe, J. D. Cappelmann, **A. H. Kohn, Walter L. Caughman.

Virginia Synod

Clerical—J. A. Huffard, D.D., J. A. Morehead, D.D., G. S. Bowers, D.D., J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D., I. D. Worman, C. W. Cassell, E. R. McCauley, D.D., *J. W. Shuey.

Lay—**H. L. Snyder, **S. A. Flickinger, J. A. Alexander, W. T. Stauffer, N. I. Kagey, T. J. Cooper.

Southwestern Virginia Synod

Clerical—J. Luther Sieber, Geo. H. Rhodes, *L. A. Fox, D.D., B. E. Petrea, C. Brown Cox, E. H. Copenhaver.

Lay—Robert Kime, H. L. Bonham, B. W. Kadel, A. A. Mock, Dr. E. W. Peery, Stewart Etter.

Georgia Synod

Clerical—W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., W. Hoppe, D.D., M. J. Epting, D.D., W. E. Pugh.

Lay—Col. H. E. Dreeson, B. Frank Hall.

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* Present at Roanoke.
** Present at New York.

Holston Synod

Clerical—Walter C. Davis, B. S. Brown, Jr.
Lay—E. L. Bowman.

Mississippi Synod

Clerical—T. B. Epting.

On motion of Dr. J. A. Morehead it was voted that the election of officers be deferred for the present.

A letter from the Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., written under date of November 5, 1918, was read, submitting his resignation to the United Synod as its Secretary. The resignation was accepted. On motion the rules were suspended and Dr. Morehead was authorized to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for the Rev. J. W. Horine, as the Secretary of the United Synod. Dr. Morehead reported the election of Dr. Horine.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

President's Report

Brethren, Representatives of the Synods, in United Synod Assembled, Greeting:

Two eventful years have passed since the last regular meeting of this body. In the kingdoms of the world there have been great changes and mighty commotions which have reacted powerfully within the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have felt throughout our borders and in all the departments of our work the effects of the great world-war in which our own beloved country is fighting side by side with the forces of democracy across the sea. Our churches have furnished their full quota of men for the Army and Navy; our people have responded generously to the appeals of the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., and have bought Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps with patriotic zeal. Our women have given liberally of their time and energy in Red Cross work, and have responded loyally to the efforts of the administration in the interest of conservation of food supplies and fuel. Much has been done locally by our congregations, especially by the young people, for the entertainment of soldiers and sailors and by way of welcoming them to the services of the churches. In the nation-wide campaign for funds inaugurated last spring and carried through with brilliant success by the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare the churches of the United Synod responded with a love and liberality most commendable and impressively significant

of the value which our people place upon the means of grace as administered by their own pastors. It is gratifying also to be able to record that these extraordinary activities have not interfered greatly with the execution of the plans for the support and development of the normal operations of the United Synod: a cheering evidence is this that our people have not lost consciousness of the abiding mission of the Church, which cannot be given up or neglected. Whatever else must be undertaken and carried through, this work must go on without interruption.

At the special adjourned meeting of the United Synod, held at Salisbury, N. C., November 6-8, 1917, three Commissioners were appointed to represent the United Synod in the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare; they were the Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., the Rev. I. D. Worman and Dr. C. O. Miller. The National Lutheran Commission having decided to reduce the number of the representatives from the several bodies co-operating in the work our commissioners resigned and the Rev. I. D. Worman was appointed by me as our representative. As to the work which has been accomplished the commissioner will report.

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The one event which will mark these two years in the history of our Church here in the South, as well as in America, is that successful co-operation of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in clearing the ground, laying the foundation and setting up the framework of The United Lutheran Church in America. This is undoubtedly the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. It seems meet that some sketch of this work be here given from the point of view of our own participation in it.

For years there had been agencies and influences working silently but effectively, and as would now seem, with large and definite purpose, larger and more definite, indeed, than human purpose, to bring about just the event of which we now speak. At the same time the several bodies, of late so frequently named together in speech and writing, were feeling their way toward a closer affiliation, groping for such form of co-operation and fellowship as might be attainable without sacrifice of principle and conviction.

In November, 1916, the United Synod took the following action: "This body manifestly stands ready to contribute its share towards 'unity of fellowship in word and sacrament' on the basis of the common faith which we confess. As a practical exhibition of this spirit, we recommend (*a*) that a Commission on Federation be continued, and (*b*) that this Commission be authorized to arrange for a series of Conferences, beginning in 1917, to be participated in by chosen representatives of such Lutheran bodies as will participate with us in definite co-operative and constructive work. (See Minutes 1916, pp. 15 and 104.) At that Convention also large delegations were elected to the General Synod and the General Council, and those bodies were invited to send delegations to the Quadri-centennial Conven-

tion of the United Synod. (See Minutes 1916, pp. 102 and 127.) In the same month of November, 1916, correspondence was begun between the Presidents of the several bodies, which resulted in the appointment of a meeting to be held April 18, 1917, for the purpose of planning for a comprehensive program for the meetings of the three bodies in that year, and for anything further that might appear in the way of closer unity.

Then came the memorable meeting, on April 18, 1917, of the Joint Committee on Celebration of the Quadri-centennial of the Reformation. On motion of certain prominent and highly esteemed laymen, speaking for a meeting of laymen held the evening before, it was resolved by the Joint Committee "that the organic union of the three affiliated Lutheran bodies, the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South, would be the fittest commemoration of the Reformation"; and "the Presidents of these bodies, being present, were requested to form a Joint Committee of ministers and laymen which should prepare a Constitution for a United Church and present the same to the general bodies for their consideration". Immediately, on the 19th of April, the Presidents met in the faculty room of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, and unhesitatingly assumed the responsibility which Providence seemed to thrust upon them. The Committees were appointed; and these came together in Joint Committee at Harrisburg, Pa., on May 31st and June 15th, and with surprising unanimity and impressive solemnity formed, fashioned and agreed to the Constitution which has since been unanimously approved by the three general bodies and, with one regrettable exception, by all the Synods connected therewith. And now we stand face to face with the event,—the greatest, the most significant and promising event that our Church in this goodly land has so far been privileged to see.

What remains is but the carrying out of the plans of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, which will be reported at this Convention by your representatives on that Committee.

In the interest of brevity no mention will be made here of matters which will properly come before you in the reports of the several boards and committees. The following is a record of my official acts, which are respectfully presented for your action.

OFFICIAL ACTS

The Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Cox, having resigned as Statistical Secretary, I appointed the Rev. James D. Kinard, D.D., to succeed him in that office, which appointment Dr. Kinard accepted.

On December 13, 1917, Mr. J. E. Cooper resigned the office of Treasurer of the United Synod, and with his resignation forwarded to me the papers which were in his hands. With the concurrence of the other officers I appointed the Hon. John D. Cappelmann, of Charleston, as Treasurer, and having received his acceptance to the office I turned over to him all papers and securities, a list of which is herewith submitted.

It having been called to my attention that the Standing Committee on Ministerial Support (see Minutes 1916, page 64) had not been appointed, I made the following appointment *ad interim:* Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., and Mr. A. H. Kohn. The Synod having failed to elect a Board of Deaconess and Inner Mission Work I requested the Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., to give attention and consideration to these interests during the biennium.

On July 1, 1918, I gave my consent as President of the United Synod to the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare to make a loan in the sum of $3,000 to the church at Greenville, S. C., according to arrangements agreed upon by the National Lutheran Commission and Dr. Seegers, President of our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Also on the 19th of July I gave my consent to the National Lutheran Commission to make a loan of $1,000, on similar conditions, to the church at Newport News, Va. In the latter case the loan was made with the consent of Dr. J. A. Huffard, President of the Virginia Synod, and myself. The terms of these loans, as set forth in the correspondence herewith submitted, were that, at the conclusion of the war, these loans are to be deducted from any balance that may be coming to the United Synod from the National Lutheran Commission, and that, if there be no cash balance due the United Synod, the notes are to be cancelled on the part of the National Lutheran Commission.

On July 7, 1918, at the request of the National Lutheran Commission, I joined the Presidents of the General Synod, the General Council and the Norwegian Lutheran Church in issuing a call for a meeting of the Presidents of all Lutheran bodies for the purpose of discussing problems of common interest which had arisen in connection with the work of the Commission, but with which the Commission did not feel itself authorized to deal. The meeting was held at Harrisburg, Pa., on July 17th. There were fifteen persons present, including officers of the National Lutheran Commission and Presidents and other representatives of Lutheran general bodies. It was the privilege of the President of this body to attend the meeting and take part in the proceedings. As a result of the discussion of the various problems presented there emerged to view the necessity of the creation of a National Lutheran Council, and a Committee was appointed, consisting of the Presidents in attendance, to formulate plans for the creation of such a Council, and given power to call a meeting for the consideration of the plans. This Committee met at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the first of August, considered the matter referred to it, and instructed the Secretary to send a copy of the minutes of the meeting to the Presidents of all Lutheran general bodies, at the same time requesting them to appoint representatives to a meeting in Chicago on September the sixth for the purpose of organizing *The Lutheran Federal Council.* On receipt of this request I informed the Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt that it would be within his province, as Chairman of our Commission on Federation, to represent the

United Synod at that meeting either in person or by letter. At the proper time there will, no doubt, be a report concerning the action taken at the meeting in Chicago.

I cannot close this report without some reference to certain matters which force themselves upon our attention even when we would busy ourselves with other interests.

We are meeting under most peculiar circumstances and conditions. Thirty-two years ago last June the United Synod was brought into being here at Roanoke. It would seem that it was by a fitting providence that this city was chosen for the Convention now in session; for when the place was chosen no one dreamed that here the action would be taken which will mark the end of the United Synod as a working organization.

But another most remarkable and unparalleled situation weighs upon our hearts. In some parts of our territory for five successive Sundays, and everywhere for several weeks, our churches have been closed, and our people have been denied the privilege, in a time of great distress, of assembling to worship God and to call upon Him who is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. It seems most fitting that, as we have now been permitted first to meet in a general convention representing all of our churches, the United Synod should, in some suitable way, recognize God's hand in the visitation which has come upon our land, and direct the thoughts of our people to the lessons which He would teach them thereby.

The war, whose meaning no man can yet rightly gauge, which has wrought ruin and desolation that cannot be restored, laden mankind with burdens the wearying weight of which unborn generations must carry, and cost the world millions of lives and untold suffering and sorrow is, with victory to our nation and the nations with which we have been associated in arms, now ended. So far as our own nation is concerned the war has been waged in the interest of a just and lasting peace for the world. By us it might be denominated *The War Against War*. We did not enter it for the sake of territorial enlargement, for the purpose of maintaining or acquiring commercial supremacy, or to raise ourselves to the position of a leading world-power; but that we might enjoy the rights and privileges of a free people, that we and the rest of the world might not be thrown into a living dread of being attacked by selfish and unscrupulous might, that principles of national and international life might be established and put into effective operation in a world-system which would make for world-peace. The war in its violent aspect of force clashing with force in death-dealing battle, is over; but although the war is won the peace which alone can stand as its unanswerable defense and justification has yet to be delineated in the clear and indelible hues of justice. It must be a peace which seeks not only to put away the materials from which former conflagrations have arisen, but which carefully avoids also laying the kindlings for new fires. The Church has a distinct right to speak, and a duty, in this hour,

to speak promptly and insistently in favor of a Christian peace among Christian peoples. She has given loyally of her sons for the battle-front and of her daughters for hospital service. Her machinery has been given patriotically to the use of the government for reaching the people with every appeal for help in the winning of the war. And she wants the peace for which she has sacrificed and given of her best. She wants no miscarriage, but a clean and honest settlement. She does not want any shifting about of old outworn imperialistic ideas and implements; but the destruction everywhere of that which is appointed unto destruction, in order that the principles of freedom, justice and democracy which ought to obtain, may be securely established and everywhere become current. As the Church, therefore, has been loyal and patriotic in the grim work of war, so must she now also show the same patriotism and loyalty in her support of the government, under the wise leadership of President Woodrow Wilson, in all its endeavors to secure a just and durable peace.

Finally: we are come together to close up the volume of our history as a separate and independent body; not with lamentations and tears, but with confidence and hope: with confidence because we believe that the hand of God is guiding us; and with hope, because we believe and are sure that it is the will of our Savior Jesus Christ, whose grace and blessing, therefore, we may confidently expect to abound toward us, and His love to overshadow us, as He leads us on to a larger vision of His gracious purpose toward men and to fuller consecration of ourselves to His will and service.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER.

Synod adjourned at 1 o'clock with prayer, led by the Rev. A. R. Beck, to reassemble at 2:30 P. M.

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SECOND SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1918, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, who appointed the following Committees:

Standing Committees

1. *On President's Report*—Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. J. C. Peery, Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Messrs. A. A. Mock, B. Frank Hall, Dr. C. E. Reitzel.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod*—Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., Rev. C. W. Cassell, Rev. B. E. Petrea, Rev. B. S. Brown, Jr., Messrs. W. L. Dixon, B. W. Kadel, N. I. Kagey.
3. *On District Synods*—Rev. A. R. Beck, Rev. C. A. Brown, Rev. W. C. Davis, Rev. W. E. Pugh, Messrs. J. A. Alexander, J. S. Etter, M. C. Mauney.
4. *On Devotional Exercises*—Pastor *loci* and officers of Synod.
5. *On Theological Seminary*—Rev. J. A. Huffard, D.D., Rev. C. A. Brown, Rev. J. J. Long, Rev. B. D. Wessinger, Messrs. H. L. Bonham, E. L. Bowman, J. S. Etter.
6. *On Board of Education*—Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. I. E. Long, Rev. W. C. Davis, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Messrs. T. J. Cooper, J. C. Sigmon, Robert Kime.
7. *On Orphan Home*—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Rev. H. J. Black, Rev. C. K. Bell, D.D., Rev. C. B. Cox, Col. H. E. Dreeson, Dr. C. O. Miller, Mr. R. G. Rhyne.
8. *On Lowman Home*—Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D., Rev. A. R. Beck, Rev. H. A. McCullough, D.D., Rev. C. W. Cassell, Messrs. J. D. Heilig, A. P. Rhyne, T. J. Cooper.
9. *On Home Missions*—Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, Rev. E. R. McCauley, D.D., Rev. J. L. Cromer, Messrs. J. D. Cappelmann, C. M. Efird, Dr. E. W. Peery.
10. *On Foreign Missions*—Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D., Rev. J. L. Sieber, Rev. J. L. Morgan, Rev. B. E. Petrea, Messrs. W. T. Stauffer, B. B. Miller, J. D. Cappelmann.
11. *On Board of Publication*—Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. R. M. Carpenter, Rev. W. E. Pugh, Messrs. Louis M. Swink, J. A. Cline, J. M. Rhodes.
12. *On Letters and Petitions*—Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. J. L. Cromer, Rev. C. E. Fritz, Rev. J. F. Crigler, Messrs. N. I. Kagey, J. D. Heilig, A. A. Mock.
13. *On Treasurer's Report*—Messrs. H. L. Bonham, J. M. Rhodes, J. A. Alexander, Dr. E. W. Peery, N. I. Kagey.
14. *On Church Literature*—Rev. E. J. Sox, Rev. J. D. Kinard, D.D., Rev. J. L. Morgan, Rev. B. S. Brown, Jr., Messrs. Robert Kime, H. E. Dreeson, J. T. Miller.

It was voted that the hearing of the Treasurer's report be deferred.

The Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., presented the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which was received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Report of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary

The Board of Directors as constituted at the last meeting of the United Synod met in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 13, 1916, and was organized by electing the following named members as its officers: Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., President; Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Vice-President; Mr. A. H. Kohn, Secretary; Hon. C. M. Efird, Treasurer.

Students in attendance at the Seminary during the session of 1916-1917 numbered twenty. Six, who comprised the senior class, received certificates of graduation at the close of the session.

During the session of 1917-1918, the students in attendance were twenty, five of whom received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. Twenty-two young men are enrolled for this present session: Eight in the senior class, five in the middle class, and nine in the junior class.

Soon after the last convention of the United Synod the campaign for "The Reformation Quadri-centennial Seminary Fund" was launched according to the plan specified in our last report, and which was endorsed by this body. The Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., was made General Director of the movement, and he was very active and did quite a lot of work in pressing the campaign, but on account of the unfavorable conditions that prevailed by reason of the war, the success of the effort was not what had been hoped for, and the results materially were not what had been expected. The receipts, in cash and subscriptions, amounted to $3,239.85.

The hearts of our people, especially those who knew the true character of the man, were saddened by the death of Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D.D., which occurred on January 20th, 1918. Dr. Miller was a member of the faculty since April, 1904, and during all the years of his service as professor he was ever faithful, untiring in his work, and consecrated to the Lord's service.

The death of Dr. Miller caused a serious interruption in the work of the Seminary, but a part of the work that was done by him was taken over by other members of the faculty, and the valuable services of the Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., were secured, and he continued the work most efficiently in New Testament Exegesis.

At the regular annual meeting of the Board in May, 1918, Dr. Horine was elected third professor, as Dr. Seegers had been transferred to the position of second professor.

In early June, 1918, the President of the Board received the resignation of the Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., to take effect the first of the next month, July. On the 13th of June, 1918, the Directors were called in special meeting to consider the resignation. The Board fully realized that the Seminary would sustain a serious loss by the retirement of Dr. Seegers from the faculty, but no other action was open to the Board than to accept the resignation, which was regretfully done.

As the vacancy in the faculty caused by the aforementioned resignation could not be filled by the time of the opening of the present session of the

Seminary, the Board was fortunate in being able to secure temporarily the partial services of the Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., to aid other members of the faculty in doing the work of the second professor.

It gives us pleasure to announce that the Rev. C. K. Bell, D.D., has been unanimously elected to the second professorship, and while no official notice of his acceptance has been received, the gratifying assurance has come that he will accept, and we most earnestly hope that he may be able to enter upon his duties in the very near future.

The last report of the Treasurer, Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., of the Seminary Building Fund, shows the indebtedness on buildings, principal and interest, to be $22,000. The gradual accumulated interest, a part of which has been paid, has prevented any appreciable reduction of debt. For a detailed statement of facts pertaining to the indebtedness, see Dr. Freed's report, which has been audited by the Board, and which is herewith attached.

We submit the following summary of the last annual report of the Treasurer, Hon. C. M. Efird:

Amount of Corpus	$36,415.22
Securities	34,352.22
Balance	$2,063.00
Overdraft of Maintenance account	1,061.88
Cash on hand	$1,001.12
Past due liabilities. Note to ———, due Jan. 5, 1918	$1,000.00
Interest for one year, due July 5th	60.00
	$1,060.00
Additional Endowment. Gift of Mrs. Vollers for support of Seminary student	$1,000.00
Loan to	1,000.00
Summary of Report of Library Fund by the Dean—April 30th, 1918. Amount of Fund	$593.66
Invested in Loan	550.00
Deposit in Bank	43.66
Fund for Special Needs	$177.20

We note, for general information, that the sum of $600 is paid annually to the Treasurer, which he acknowledges in his receipts, being interest for the Seminary from a fund in the custody of the South Carolina Synod.

We are pleased to note that the Seegers bequest of $5,000.00, from which the Seminary has derived $250.00 per year, is ready to be paid over by the estate, and no doubt at an early date it will be in the hands of the Treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer shows that, in the maintenance account, the disbursements exceed the receipts. The summary, as here presented, shows

an overdraft of $1,061.88. Therefore, for the reason that the resources of the Seminary are not sufficient to pay the annual expenses, and for the additional important reason that the debt on buildings and accumulating interest on same, has become burdensome, the Board was forced to devise some plan by which the indebtedness can be canceled and the endowment increased. Therefore, another campaign was arranged and launched to raise $50,000.00. The Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., was made director of the campaign, and it was planned to be pushed through all of the churches the first two weeks in October, 1918. As the influenza epidemic prevailed so extensively over the country and disarranged the plan, the time was extended. Reports to date have been encouraging, but as many of the churches are yet to report, it is not possible in this report to give definite results from the campaign. It is most earnestly hoped by the Board that every church and individual of the United Synod will respond most liberally to this very needed and indispensable fund.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS, *President.*

Report of C. A. FREED, *Treasurer of the Building Fund of the Theological Seminary, Oct. 25, 1916, to Oct. 31, 1918.*

RECEIPTS

Balance	$183.06	
Interest Assessment	93.47	
Old Pledges	1,132.00	
Quadri-Centennial Fund	3,451.85	
Present Campaign	5,662.63	
		$10,523.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Interest and Reduction of Notes		$5,307.24	
Typewriter		55.00	
Quadri-Centennial Fund—			
Salary and Clerical Help	$346.00		
Printing, Postage and Travel	140.43		
Collection of Draft	1.00		
		487.43	
Newberry College		212.00	
Special Treas. Efird		1,000.00	
Repair of Water System		183.75	
Special Meeting of Synodical Presidents		53.15	
Present Campaign—			
Printing and Postage	$421.38		
Travel	35.00		
Clerical Help	33.95		
		490.33	
			$7,788.90
Liberty Bonds, War Saving Stamps and Thrift Stamps			$2,373.90

Balance Oct. 31, 1918	$360.21
Bank Balance	$439.16

This certifies that we have examined the Government Securities held by C. A. Freed, Treas., and find that he has in his possession the following:

Liberty Bonds	$1,764.90
War Saving Stamps	600.00
Thrift Stamps	9.00
Total	$2,373.90

Nov. 8, 1918.

R. W. HARRELL,
W. A. SEEGERS,
F. S. HABENICHT,

Committee appointed by the President of the Board.

As a matter of general information we submit that the donation of Government Securities to Nov. 8, 1918, are as follows:

Cash—		
Liberty Bonds	$2,350.00	
War Saving Stamps	690.00	
Thrift Stamps	13.75	
Total		$3,053.75
Pledges—		
Liberty Bonds	$4,500.00	
War Saving Stamps	215.00	
Total		$4,715.00
Grand Total		$7,768.75

The President recognized the presence of the Rev. G. W. Spiggle, who was made an advisory member of the Synod.

The following reports of Boards were received and referred to their respective Committees:

Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home

Since the last regular meeting of the Synod the Corporation and the Board of Trustees have held two regular meetings and one called meeting.

The nominees of the Synod for membership in the Corporation were elected. From those so elected, vacancies in the Board were filled. The officers of the Corporation are: Rev. Paul Sieg, President; Rev. Charles K. Hunton, Vice-President and Treasurer; Mr. R. W. Kime, Secretary.

During the biennium, which rounds out thirty years of the existence of the Home at Salem, Virginia, its routine work has had scarcely an interruption. Last April Otis Gleason, a fourteen-year-old boy, was stricken with cerebro-spinal meningitis, from which he died in about thirty-two hours. The Home was placed under quarantine for two weeks, but there

were no other cases. There were also some cases of measles but without any bad results.

In addition to the school work, catechization has been faithfully conducted by Pastor Hunton, resulting in the confirmation of ten of the children in 1917 and of seven in 1918.

The present number of children is 100; by States as follows: Virginia, 17 boys and 25 girls; North Carolina, 11 boys and 16 girls; South Carolina, 4 boys and 3 girls; Georgia, 7 boys and 7 girls; West Virginia, 2 boys and 6 girls; Tennessee, 3 boys and 1 girl. Total, 46 boys and 54 girls.

Twenty-four of our former children are known to have entered the army and navy. One of our trained nurse girls is with the Red Cross in France and others may go soon.

The Special Property Committee has done splendid work. Eighteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars was raised and invested in land, paying in full for the purchases. The Home now owns 83 acres of land in fine state of cultivation, which, with its four buildings, is valued at $60,000.00. It also possesses an Endowment Fund of $19,700.00, and a Building Fund of $3,000.00. Furthermore, by the wills of Misses M. J. and E. L. Goodman, of Rural Retreat, Va., recently deceased, the Home will receive $1,000.00. By action of the Board at a called meeting held October 7, at the Orphans' Home, the Home will receive, at an early date, $1,000.00 for its interest as residuary legatee, in the estate of the late J. P. Houtz, Esq. During the year two Life Annuities of $1,000.00 each were issued by the Home. Other friends are considering the matter of taking out annuities.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that more than a dozen persons have named "The Lutheran Orphan Home", at Salem, Va., as a beneficiary in their wills.

The total indebtedness of the Home is $2,000.00, and it is carried at 5 per cent. There are old unpaid subscriptions covering one-half of this amount.

The current monthly expenses for the year ending June 1, 1918, were $11,237.47. The monthly average was $956.45, dividing by 98, the average number of children, the cash monthly expense is $9.55, and adding $1.50 for value of gifts received, the total expense per month per child is $11.05. This is an increase of 85 cents per child over last year and an increase of $4.25 over 1914, or 62½ per cent. Through the generous support of friends this increase has been met, but there should be no steps backward.

The farm, under the excellent management of our efficient Industrial Superintendent, Mr. John D. Bowers, is becoming a more and more important factor in meeting current expenses. Five hundred and eighty bushels of wheat were raised this year. There are 21 acres in corn and 15 acres in cow peas, while smaller parcels were planted in lima beans, Irish potatoes, tomatoes, sorghum, broom corn and other things. The boys, under the leadership of Mr. Bowers, have done practically all the work on the farm, and, in addition, have printed *The Messenger*, our monthly paper.

A topographical survey of the future building grounds has been partly made by Prof. Carpenter, of Roanoke College, assisted by his class in surveying. This work, when completed, will be a gratuitous service by the professor and his students. Upon the completion of this work a map and building plans will be prepared and be presented to the Board for consideration at its next meeting.

In order to perpetuate the interests and ownership of each District Synod of the United Synod in the Orphan Home, in view of the prospective merger of the three general bodies, the trustees and the corporation of the Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod, at their annual meeting, held June 10 and 11, 1918, in the Home, at Salem, Va., took action to secure revision of the charter of the Home that these interests and the ownership might be properly safeguarded. In accordance with said action, the State Corporation Commission, upon a certificate executed by the President and Secretary of the Home, has amended the Home's charter in the following particulars:

Section A. That Section A of the Charter of this Corporation be amended and altered so as to read as follows:

The name of this Corporation shall be The Lutheran Orphan Home of the South.

Section C. That Section C (2) be amended and altered so as to read as follows:

To maintain, train and educate such children living within the territorial limits of the various District Synods named in Section H (3) hereof, or elsewhere as may come within the following conditions, giving preference in the order named: (*a*) A child whose parents are both dead; (*b*) A child whose father or mother is dead; (*c*) A child whose parents are living, but physically, financially or otherwise unable to care for the child.

Section H (2). That Section H (2) be amended and altered so as to read as follows:

The said Corporation shall be composed of not more than twenty-five members, each of whom shall be a member of the Corporation no longer than he is a regular member of some Lutheran Church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of the Synod from which he may have been selected in accordance with "H" (3) of this Charter as hereinafter fixed.

Section H (3). That Section H (3) be amended and altered so as to read as follows:

Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Corporation shall be filled by themselves, by making such nomination to the District Synods, respectively, from which the vacancies may occur, but if such District Synods

shall fail to act at its next Synodical Meeting, then such nominees, respectively, shall become members of the Corporation.

Representation in the said Corporation from the said Eight District Synods shall be as follows:

One (1) from the South Carolina Synod; three (3) from the North Carolina Synod; four (4) from the Tennessee Synod; one (1) from the Georgia Synod; six (6) from the Virginia Synod; eight (8) from the Southwest Virginia Synod; one (1) from the Mississippi Synod, and one (1) from the Holston Synod.

Section H (4). That Section H (4) be amended and altered so as to read as follows:

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation, and the Trustees, shall be elected from the membership of the Corporation by the members in meeting. The members of the Corporation in meeting may remove any member of the Corporation, any Trustee or other Officer, elected or appointed by them, respectively, or by the Board of Trustees, and may fill the vacancy caused by such removal in conformity with Section H (3).

Section H (7). That Section H (7) be amended and altered so as to read as follows:

The Trustees provided for in Section E hereof, and their successors, shall hold office no longer than they remain members of the Corporation and regular members of some Lutheran Church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of the District Synod set forth in Section H (3) hereof.

Section H (8). That Section H (8) be amended and altered so as to read as follows:

The said Trustees and their successors, to a number not exceeding twenty (20) as a Board, shall fill the vacancies in their own body, and in the Offices of the Corporation enumerated in Section H (4), from the membership of the Corporation; provided such vacancies occurred otherwise than by removal of the Corporation in meeting. Vacancies otherwise than by removal, as aforesaid, in the other Officers or Agents of the Corporation, may be filled by the Trustees outside of the membership of the Corporation.

Section H (10). That Section H (10) be amended and altered so as to read as follows:

The Board of Trustees shall have power to remove from office any Trustee for neglect of duty, or for immoral or improper conduct, and to remove any Trustee who ceases to be a regular member of some Lutheran Church co-operating with and within the territorial limit of the District Synod from which he may have been selected.

PAUL SIEG, *President.*

Report of Board of Directors of Lowman Home

The Board of Directors for the Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless submits the following as its official report of work for the biennium ending November 1, 1918:

This Board met as soon after the meeting of the United Synod as circumstances required and organized by electing the following officers: W. H. Greever, President; P. H. Haltiwanger, Vice-President; W. P. Cline, Secretary and Treasurer.

Dr. W. P. Cline was re-elected superintendent; and under his judicious and faithful care the Home has enjoyed greater prosperity during this biennium than during any other period since it was founded. When the transfer of the Home to the United Synod was provided for at the meeting of the United Synod in 1916, the indebtedness was $7,030. The superintendent and Board decided to refrain from extension of service in any large degree during the last two years, and also to refrain from appeals for contributions, on account of war conditions, and to concentrate upon development of the property resources of the institution, with the result that by the sale of farm products, wood, and timber, the Home has been supported and the indebtedness decreased, with the marketing of this season's crops, to $1,200, having received contributions only to the amount of $72.73 in 1917 and $45 in 1918.

During the past two years Christian care has been given to five dependent ones, and a number of substantial improvements have been made on the farm and buildings. No inconsiderable service has been rendered by our superintendent through the treatment he has given to the negro tenants on the farm, about forty-eight in number, including children, providing school, etc.

The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, gives detailed information concerning the finances of the Home.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

February 1 to October 30, 1918

RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank, Feb. 1st	$204.35	
Sale of Farm Produce	189.44	
Board for Mrs. Lowman and Mrs. Coker	198.00	
Gifts	45.00	
Rents for Lots	13.00	
Sale of Wood	261.62	
Sawing Lumber	63.54	
Sale of Timber	3,000.00	
Borrowed Money	1,143.74	
Sale of Cotton, 1918 crop	414.91	
Cash Received from Tenant	311.50	
Checks Returned	10.24	
Money advanced by Superintendent	98.55	
Total		$5,983.00

EXPENDITURES

Supplies to Tenants	$679.33	
Nursing and Cooking	216.00	
Clothing for Mrs. Lowman	25.00	
Insurance	63.17	
Labor on Farm and Saw Mill	545.10	
Supplies on Farm and Home	376.53	
Discount and Interest	222.66	
Payment on Note	2,700.28	
Digging Wells, and Fixtures	76.36	
Fertilizers	535.42	
Salary, Superintendent	543.15	
Total		$5,983.00

ASSETS

Real Estate and Improvements	$30,000.00	
Steam Engine	300.00	
Saw Mill and Cotton Gin	200.00	
Mules	500.00	
Four Hogs	125.00	
Four Cows	150.00	
Farm Implements	150.00	
Provisions on Hand	650.00	
Cord Wood	60.00	
Old Accounts "solvent"	68.00	
Amount Due by Tenants	389.33	
Cotton on hand; 6,280 lbs. at 30c per lb	1,884.00	
Rents Still Due; 1,435 lbs. at 30c per lb	430.50	
Cotton in field; estimated at 850 lbs. at 30c per lb	255.00	
Cotton Seed; for Sale	100.00	
Board Account (doubtful)	114.00	
Total		$36,947.83

LIABILITIES

Note, P. C. Price	$680.00	
Note, Rev. C. W. Cassell	520.00	
Note, Jas. F. Long	650.00	
Note, Mrs. W. P. Cline	615.75	
Note, Casualty Ins. Co	132.00	
Note, Rev. W. P. Cline	631.50	
Note, Palmetto National Bank	850.00	
Note, James Cansler	210.00	
Total		$4,289.25

The books of the Treasurer upon which the above statement is based were audited by a Committee from the Board, whose report was accepted by the Board and recorded in the minutes of the Board.

The Board, having appointed a special committee to outline a proper policy for the future of the Home, received and adopted the following at its meeting on November 7, 1918, which it offers as its recommendations to this body:

Your committee appointed to recommend a policy for the future conduct of the Lowman Home beg leave to submit the following:

1. That steps be taken, as soon as circumstances will permit, to enlarge the equipment and service of the institution. It is our opinion that the number and character of those who appeal for our ministry warrant us at this time in asking the benevolent Lutherans of the South for thirty thousand dollars for the erection and equipment of buildings, five of them to be erected at a normal average cost of five thousand dollars each; one for aged men; one for aged women; one for epileptic or otherwise defective girls; one for boys of similar condition, and a hospital for the wholly helpless. These buildings should be of the cottage type, built of brick, and should be arranged to accommodate a total of from twenty-five to thirty inmates. The other five thousand dollars should be used for a building for the superintendent and the necessary force of nurses.

The buildings here suggested should be designed and located with a view to future enlargement, by the cottage plan, according to needs.

As soon as possible, provision should be made for the care of tubercular patients, with such isolation as that disease requires.

1. The policy of this institution should be so shaped that as soon as Lutherans have made a commanding and successful institution out of this Home an appeal can be made to the general public, so that this service, the Christian character of which is guaranteed by Lutherans, can be extended to needy ones irrespective of religious affiliations.

2. That, in view of the change in relation of the institution to the Church, having its Board elected by district synods instead of being elected by a general body, the annual report of the Home be made as of April first of each year, and that the officers be instructed accordingly.

In this institution of mercy, with its splendid material basis, the Church of the future has opportunities for service almost without limit.

W. H. Greever, *President.*
W. P. Cline, *Secretary.*

Report of Board of Foreign Missions

(For the Biennium, September 20, 1916, to November 1, 1918.)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., of the Georgia Synod; Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., of the Tennessee Synod; Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., of the North Carolina Synod; Rev. Edward Fulenwider, of the South Carolina Synod; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., of the Georgia Synod; Mr. J. E. Cooper, of the Virginia Synod; Mr. H. L. Bonham, of the Southwest Virginia Synod.

OFFICERS

Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Savannah, Ga., President; Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Columbia, S. C., General Secretary; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., Recording Secretary; Mr. John A. Cline, Concord, N. C., Treasurer and Advisory member of the Board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This Committee consists of the officers of the Board and Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

OUR FIELD IN JAPAN

The cry for expansion in Japan has not been less loud because of the exigencies of a world at war, but the Board and its Mission have understood that any extension of effort involving increased expenditures had to be with moderation. Some calls, however, had to be heeded.

The request of the Mission to be allowed to abandon its confinement of the past twenty-five years to the single island of Kyushu and send a missionary to the great manufacturing city, Osaka, 400 miles north of Kyushu, was granted by the Board; and since the United Synod last met Rev. C. W. Hepner, together with the Japanese co-workers, Revs. K. Takimoto and T. Wasa, has moved to Osaka and begun the work. Osaka is one of the great cities of the East with a population of 1,500,000. Our workers are a tiny speck in this mass of humanity without God. They have no physical equipment with which to work, but they desire to hold on patiently until the Church can purchase a lot and erect a chapel or parish house.

No radical changes have occurred in the central stations of Saga, Hakata and Kumamoto. What is needed most in these stations is an ever-growing Japanese ministry to work the outlying towns and villages.

The latest statistics from the field show seventy-five admissions by baptism during 1917, a membership of 687, Sunday schools, 23, and scholars 2,077.

OUR MISSIONARIES

The missionaries now under appointment of the Board are as follows:

Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D.	Saga
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	Kumamoto
Rev. L. S. G. Miller	Hakata
Rev. C. W. Hepner	Osaka
Miss Martha B. Akard	Hakata
Miss Maude Powlas	Tokyo
Miss Mary Lou Bowers, (on furlough)	Newberry, S. C.
Miss Annie Powlas (in preparation)	New York

JAPANESE PASTORS, EVANGELISTS AND OTHER WORKERS

Rev. R. Yamanouchi (retired)	Osaka
Rev. K. Takimoto	Osaka
Rev. T. Wasa	Osaka
Rev. H. Aoyama	Kumamoto
Rev. Chiga	Hakata
Rev. D. Honda	Saga
Evangelist Y. Kitakoga	Naogata
Evangelist S. Washiyama	Omuta
Evangelist K. Watanabe	Ogi
Evangelist R. Ishimatsu	Kumamoto
Evangelist T. Kawase	Yawata
Kindergartner Saito	Hakata
Kindergartner Edamoto	Hakata
Bible Woman, Miss H. Aikawa	Hakata

There are also four to six workers as kindergartners and Bible Women in Saga and Ogi, but their names are not reported to date.

ORDINATION SERVICE

An event of unusual significance in the life of the Mission was the ordination service held March 10, 1918. One young man from the United Synod, Mr. D. Honda, who had graduated in the regular order from our own Seminary, and one experienced evangelist, Mr. T. Wasa, who had worked with the Mission for twenty years, were set apart to the holy office of the ministry by the laying on of hands. Three other workers from the Danish Mission were ordained at the same time.

This action of the United Synod missionaries was taken in harmony with resolutions passed by the Virginia and Tennessee Synods, empowering the missionaries in Japan enrolled in the said two synods, to examine and ordain in conjunction with the missionaries of the Joint Conference in Japan, such candidates as from time to time may meet their approval, the missionaries to report their action to the proper synodical authorities in this country.

The synodical resolutions referred to above may be found in the 1917 minutes of the Virginia and Tennessee Synods.

RETIREMENT OF AGED PASTOR

By recent action of the Mission the Rev. R. Yamanouchi was retired from the list of active pastors on account of advanced age and ill health, and granted an allowance of two-thirds his regular salary. The resolution of the Mission states that this action is not to be taken as a precedent. The fact that Rev. Yamanouchi was the first evangelist of the Lutheran Church in Japan, and has worked faithfully in the Mission for more than twenty-five years, led the missionaries to continue for a time the small allowance designated.

CALL AND DEPARTURE OF NEW MISSIONARIES

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod, having expressed a willingness to increase the number of women workers in Japan, it became the duty and pleasure of the Board to search for suitable candidates. Two graduates of Lenoir College, the Misses Maude and Annie Powlas, promptly responded to the Board's call and offered their services to the Church. In keeping with the best development of opinion on missionary preparation, both young ladies have been given good opportunities for special study in New York City.

Miss Maude Powlas completed the work assigned in June last. She was commissioned by the Board at Salisbury, N. C., July 28th, and sailed from Seattle, Washington, August 18, 1918. She is now safe in Japan and is temporarily located at Tokyo for study of the language.

Miss Annie Powlas completes a full course in kindergarten at Columbia University in June, 1919, and is expected to sail for Japan in August or September, following.

THE JAPAN SCHOOL

Continued prosperity has attended the work of the boys' school. The number of applicants each year remains twice the capacity of the school. The tendency of students to stay with the institution till graduation caused such congestion in the upper classes that this year for the first time only two divisions of about forty-five each, instead of three divisions as heretofore, were allowed to enter.

The lack of sufficient class-room space is so keenly felt that there seems but one solution of the problem—the erection of one or more additional class-rooms.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt reports that the Japanese government is so impressed with the need of more scientific knowledge that $500 annually will be granted to each school of certain grade with which to maintain the department of chemistry and physics. So far as is now known Kyushu Gakuin is entitled to this assistance.

Work in the theological department also affords much encouragement. The United Synod has eight students in preparation for the Seminary and three in the Seminary classes. In addition to these there are probably eight or more students from the Danish and General Council Missions either in preparation for the Seminary or in the Seminary itself.

The general condition of congestion in the school made it necessary for the Board to authorize the erection of a small Japanese building this spring to care for the increasing classes in the Seminary. This is the second time in three years that such temporary building has become necessary, at a total cost of $1,500, until permanent quarters for the Seminary work can be provided.

The religious work among the students of the Japan school has experienced no marked changes in the past two years. In the early spring of

1917, and again in 1918, one hundred and sixty to one hundred and seventy of the students professed adherence to Christian principles. Those who have become members of the Church number about 20 per cent. of the student body and 35 to 40 per cent. of the graduates.

The United Synod is aware that for some years the Mission Board of the General Council has co-operated in the work of the Japan school to the extent of paying one-third the current expenses of the school and also maintaining there one foreign instructor in the English language. To guard the co-operating Boards and their Missions from any possibility of misunderstanding, the following agreement, appended for information and reference, was reached between the two Boards under date, March 22, 1917:

AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE GENERAL COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK AND MANAGEMENT OF KYUSHU GAKUIN

1. The Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council is to call, commission, and support an ordained or unordained missionary for educational work in the Kyushu Gakuin.

2. This missionary shall give his time and attention to the science and practice of English instruction in the Middle School Department of Kyushu Gakuin.

3. Upon request of the school management this missionary may assume additional work in any department of the school in order to meet emergencies that may arise, subject to the final approval of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council.

4. In case circumstances arise making desirable or necessary a change in the Council's representatives such change shall take place only after one year's notice thereof has been given by the General Council's Board to the Board of the United Synod. It is understood that as far as possible frequent changes shall be avoided.

5. The Board of the General Council shall be responsible for filling any vacancy that may occur as indicated in No. 4.

6. When a vacancy occurs as provided for in No. 4, it shall be filled permanently by the General Council's Board only after consultation with its Mission in Japan, the Mission in turn to consult the school management.

7. The language of Nos. 5 and 6 shall not be understood as precluding, however, any temporary arrangement that may be agreed upon between the school management and the Missions of the General Council and the United Synod, nor any friendly assistance it may be found desirable for one Board or Mission to render to the other.

8. In view of the co-operation of the General Council's Board in the work of Kyushu Gakuin the Mission of the General Council shall elect one of its missionaries to be associated on the Board of Trustees in the management of the said Kyushu Gakuin, and it is agreed that the mission-

ary of the General Council Mission so elected shall be accorded all the rights and privileges of regular membership, excepting in matters affecting property.

MERGER

As early as January, 1917, informal conversations had taken place between the General Secretaries and others of the Boards of Foreign Missions of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod, as to the possibilities of uniting all the foreign mission enterprises of the three bodies under one administrative Board. Arrangements had been made for careful consideration of these problems by a joint committee of the three Boards when suddenly the larger plans for a merger of the three general bodies were projected before the Church. Since then a committee of three and the General Secretary from your Board has met repeatedly with similar committees from the other foreign mission Boards and has carefully studied the problems of the foreign work and the principles and procedure according to which the foreign mission efforts of the three general bodies should be merged under a common Board. The Joint Committee has experienced the greatest harmony from the first and a remarkable unanimity of opinion. If the findings of the Joint Committee are approved by The United Lutheran Church the new foreign mission Board should be composed of twenty-one members, chosen in due proportion from the membership of the present existing Boards. This procedure is recommended to avoid confusion in the initial stages under the new order.

WOMAN'S WORK

The support of the Board's work achieved by the various Woman's Societies deserves enthusiastic mention.

1. At the last meeting of their General Conference, at Wilmington, N. C., two years ago, it was resolved to raise the sum of $4,000 as a Jubilee Fund in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Japan Mission, the money to be used in providing a Home in Japan for the single lady missionaries. The full amount is already raised and the Home will probably be built in the near future.

2. It was resolved also to find support for two additional lady missionaries. This, too, has been done. Two missionaries have been called. One is already in Japan and the other will be sent forth in 1919. All increased expenses due to this expansion are provided by the Woman's Societies.

The total budget now assumed by the Woman's Societies exceeds $8,000, which is nearly one-third the whole amount contributed by the United Synod churches for the annual current expenses of the Japan Mission.

In these, as in all other matters pertaining to the foreign work, the Women's Societies have been loyal and active. The Board wishes to express with emphasis its great appreciation.

RETURN OF MISS MARY LOU BOWERS TO AMERICA

The whole Church is familiar with the circumstances under which our missionary, Miss Mary Lou Bowers, was forced to return to America. The Board is pleased to announce that Miss Bowers seems to have regained a large measure of her normal strength and is doing her best to respond to the many invitations from among the churches. Wherever Miss Bowers has gone our people have been quickened in their interest and have shown great sympathy for the objects of her appeals.

The Church should rejoice that thus a most valuable worker fallen by the way has been much improved in health and is looking forward to the proper time for return to Japan.

PROPERTY

The Board has acquired the following property in Japan during the past biennium:

1. One lot for a kindergarten building in Hakata, costing $2,000 (unpaid).

2. One lot as building site for a home for the lady missionaries at Hakata, costing $2,500.

3. One strip of land, one-half acre in extent and containing a number of buildings, joining the Japan school grounds on northeast side with the public highway, costing $6,444.83 (unpaid).

This leaves only one other plot of ground, one-half acre in size, to be secured, and then the long struggle that has continued for nearly ten years to eliminate objectionable neighbors and add to the school compound some much-needed space, will have ended happily.

4. A kindergarten building has been erected in Hakata, costing $2,150. ($400 yet due.)

5. Further additions to the theological property were made in the spring of 1918 at a cost to the Board of $940.

6. The remaining indebtedness on that part of the school compound known as the theological property, held for the Board for years by a friend of the work, has been paid in full. The balance due was $1,400.

7. Likewise other indebtedness, for portions of the school compound, that had been incurred in past years was recently paid in full to the amount of $1,287.13.

8. The indebtedness on the school gymnasium that had been standing for three years, amounting to $2,150, has been paid in full.

(The Chapel for the Japan school and the Theological Hall, planned for years and largely provided for, have been deferred on account of extreme costs for heavy construction. These buildings will go up as soon as conditions are sufficiently favorable.)

It should be recorded in this connection that in all these struggles for suitable property for the evangelistic and educational work of the Mission the missionaries themselves have made valuable contributions in money amounting to several thousand dollars, as the result of self-sacrificing work done in government schools. The Board desires thus to emphasize its grateful appreciation.

The list of property above recorded is paid for in full except where indicated, and in these cases the plans of the Board will care for the situation.

FINANCES

1. In addition to caring for the property above listed the Board has called in all notes to the amount of $5,152.12 and thus cleared itself of all indebtedness in this country.

2. The Board was forced to increase its remittances to Japan, to meet the situation created by the war and other causes. The amount of increase for the past biennium, for fixed expenses and special allowances, totals $3,135.

3. Holland Memorial. The Board has not pushed the campaign for the Holland Memorial Fund. The declaration of war by America and the consequent necessity for universal financial campaigns in behalf of the Government, together with special efforts in all parts of the Church for local or other causes, forced the General Secretary of the Board to present the Holland Memorial Fund in a very unobtrusive manner. However, previous to America's declaration of war fifty persons in the United Synod had subscribed $17,000 to this fund and since the declaration of war 350 others have added to this amount $4,269.82. A total of $16,258.17 has been paid into the Board's treasury.

In addition to the above amounts the $4,000 raised by the Women's Societies as a Jubilee Fund probably will become a part of the Holland Memorial Fund, thus increasing the total to date to $25,269.82.

The Board would direct attention to the fact that the full amount of $50,000 authorized by the United Synod for the Holland Memorial Fund must be raised by the churches if the Japan Mission is to be saved from serious injury. Nor is there any reason why a handful of our people alone should provide the whole amount. Four hundred of our people have blazed the way and made their splendid gifts, but where are the *fifty thousand?* The Board gives notice that at the proper time it may resolve to project a church-wide campaign to raise the $25,000 yet due on this fund.

4. *Encouragement.* A review of the financial situation during the past biennium and a comparison with the biennium just preceding show that our people have made commendable progress in the support of our Japan work. In the midst of war and uncertainty a number of other Boards have had to draw heavily on their reserve funds. The total income for foreign

missions in the United States in 1917 shows a slight decrease. The Board of Foreign Missions gives humble and grateful thanks to Almighty God for His wonderful mercy in sustaining and increasing the benevolent spirit of our people and thus enabling the Board to continue the foreign work largely as in normal times.

The figures hereunder are submitted with thankful hearts:

Total income for current expenses	$54,288.99
Increase over previous biennium	12,290.30
Average per capita contribution for current expenses	0.54
Average per capita contribution for all purposes (including $4,000 Jubilee Fund already raised by the Women's Societies but not yet in Treasurer Cline's report, and $16,258.17 paid in to Holland Memorial Fund)	0.75

5. As a matter of official record to date it should be said that three of the heirs of the Dr. Francis Marion Setzler estate have paid in full the amounts due from them ($51.00 annually for five payments) according to the terms recorded in the United Synod's Minutes for 1914, p. 28. Two of the heirs have made only the first of five payments due.

OUTLOOK

The space given in this report to property and financial considerations is not without significance. The modern missionary enterprise cannot achieve success without a fair amount of physical equipment. We are living in the 20th century and not the first, nor even the beginning of the 19th. The founding of the Church today in any land implies schools and chapels, and often other things beside. Your Board is awake to these clear facts, and during the past ten years has laid great stress on the necessity of placing in Japan a moderate physical equipment, in a series of central stations, through which your missionaries may labor. As a result of this policy every year brings the best report in the history of the Mission. Numerically we are one of the weakest Missions in Japan, but today we are being classed among the stronger bodies because we are gathering an equipment worthy of a strong Church, thus pointing to a strong future.

However, our equipment shall not approach completeness until provision is made for the education of girls as well as boys. A school for girls is one of the imperative needs of the future.

The soil of Japan today is such that wise sowing insures abundant results, but the sower should understand that he must bestow upon the soil a generous portion of labor. Wisdom points to Japan as a field of wonderful possibilities, but it is no place for those timid or fearful of generous investment. Our Mission is placed in a land where, apart from the Church's membership, a million Nicodemuses are engaged in earnest conversation. It is no time for the home Church to contract its vision or restrict its liberality.

APPRECIATION

The Board would acknowledge the valuable aid constantly rendered to the cause of foreign missions by the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, and takes this opportunity to record its sincere appreciation. The Board is mindful also of the fine assistance rendered by the Laymen's Missionary Movement and the generous financial aid that resulted from the One Day's Income campaign,—$3,559.30. Grateful appreciation is hereby expressed to the Board of Publication, who have so generously given the free use of a room in the Publication Building and who, through the general manager, have been uniformly courteous and sympathetic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended,

1. That the United Synod request the District Synods composing this body to raise for foreign missions at least $25,000 annually during the next biennium.

This means a standard average of at least fifty cents per capita for our membership, whether this amount be raised through systems of apportionment or through the every-member canvass.

2. That, following the action of two years ago at Wilmington, N. C., the money raised by the Women's Synodical Missionary Societies and paid into the Board's treasury, be considered apart from and in addition to the $25,000 as in Recommendation 1.

3. That the season of Epiphany be designated as a time when special emphasis in all our churches should be placed on the work of foreign missions, and also as a time when special offerings should be taken for the benefit of this great cause.

4. That the observance of April Japan Day be commended to all congregations and Sunday schools, and that the occasion be utilized not only for educational purposes, but also for securing special offerings for the benefit of our foreign work.

Very respectfully submitted,

M. J. Epting,
W. A. Deaton,
M. M. Kinard,
Edw. Fulenwider,
W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.,
J. E. Cooper,
H. L. Bonham.

UNITED SYNOD PROPERTY IN JAPAN

(September 1, 1918)

CHURCH PROPERTY

	Original Cost	*Present Est. Value*
Saga Church and Furnishings	$900.00	$1,500.00
Saga Parsonage	672.20	1,250.00
Saga Komeya Machi Chapel	50.00	150.00
Kumamoto Church, Parsonage and S. S. Room	1,150.00	2,500.00
Kumamoto Church, Furnishings	125.00	250.00
Hakata Church and Parsonage	4,431.13	7,000.00
Hakata Church and Furnishings	273.42	450.00
Omuta Chapel	400.00	400.00

MISSION HOMES

Saga Home and Teachers' Home	$3,380.00	$5,000.00
Saga Home Furnishings	250.00	250.00
Kumamoto Home	1,750.00	2,250.00
Kumamoto Home Furnishings	150.00	175.00
Hakata Home and Teachers' Home	3,664.17	5,000.00
Hakata Home Furnishings	250.00	250.00
Hakata Home Furnishings, Ladies	150.00	150.00
Osaka Home Furnishings	150.00	150.00
Saga Kindergarten	1,300.00	1,500.00
Saga Kindergarten Furnishings	150.00	150.00
Ogi Kindergarten	1,317.23	1,500.00
Ogi Kindergarten Furnishings	125.00	125.00
Hakata Kindergarten	2,150.00	2,150.00
Hakata Kindergarten Furnishings	100.00	100.00

LAND

Saga Church and Kindergarten Land	$250.00	$3,000.00
Saga Home Land	300.00	3,500.00
Saga Komeya Machi Land	50.00	600.00
Ogi Kindergarten Land	226.00	1,500.00
Fukuoka-Hakata Church Land	4,242.65	8,000.00
Fukuoka Home Land	3,309.37	5,500.00
Hakata Kindergarten Land	2,651.90	3,500.00
Fukuoka Ladies' Home Land	2,550.00	2,550.00
Kumamoto Church Land	400.00	1,000.00
Kumamoto Home Land	500.00	1,370.00

KYUSHU GAKUIN

Land	$25,404.43	$60,820.00
Buildings	53,500.00	80,250.00
Equipment	12,750.00	19,125.00
	$129,272.50	$222,815.00

LIABILITIES

Owing on land at Kyushu Gakuin	$6,444.83
Owing on land at Hakata Kindergarten	2,000.00
	$8,444.83

REPORT OF JOHN A. CLINE, TREASURER OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

CONCORD, N. C., OCT. 22, 1918.

To the Board of Foreign Missions:

I herewith beg to submit biennial report of receipts and disbursements:

CURRENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Sept. 20, 1916, to balance on hand	$3,268.56	
Total Receipts from all Sources	54,288.99	
		$57,557.55

DISBURSEMENTS

By amount salary paid:

Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D.	$3,586.63
Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D.	4,403.33
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	3,513.74
Rev. L. S. G. Miller	3,286.47
Rev. C. W. Hepner	2,880.80
Miss Bowers	1,733.47
Miss Akard	1,641.64
Support Kyushu Gakuin School	10,091.77
Support Saga and Ogi Kindergartens	1,300.00
Evangelists' Salaries, Rents, etc.	11,283.32
Paid for Woman's Work	1,659.00
Paid for Students' Support	1,506.00
House Rent, Dr. Brown	160.00
Travel and General Incidentals (Supt.)	595.52
For Postage	120.19
Postage on *Tidings and Visitor* to Missionaries	11.88
Paid for Special Work at Kobe	100.00
Paid the Misses Powlas	1,487.52
Returned to L. D. Peeler	25.00
Paid for Cablegrams	20.03
Paid for Bible Woman's Room at Hakata	138.00
Title Page in *Visitor*	9.25
Paid for Interest	1,011.00
Expenses of Board Meetings	277.03
Paid Lutheran Publication House	395.52
For Gift	2.05
Balance Dr. R. C. Holland's Salary	66.67
Salary of John A. Cline, Treasurer	200.00

Paid for Organs in Japan	170.50	
Paid for Bibles	62.80	
Paid on Church Lot	223.03	
Paid to Holland Memorial Fund	260.00	
Paid for Tracts	177.60	
For Miss Hatanaka	10.00	
Paid on Outstanding Notes	1,350.00	
Paid Mrs. Stanton on money borrowed from Chapel Fund	208.00	
Oct. 22, 1918, by balance on hand	3,503.99	
		$57,557.55

HOLLAND MEMORIAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Total receipts to date from all sources $16,258.17

DISBURSEMENTS

By Amount Paid:

Foreign Missions	$75.00	
Two Notes at Cabarrus Bank	2,500.00	
In full for Theological Property in Japan	1,400.00	
Transferred to Chapel Fund	1,302.12	
Interest on Property in Japan	21.00	
Paid Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, for Extension on Theological Building, Japan	500.00	
To Chapel Fund at 4 per cent. Interest	2,150.00	
Cable to Rev. L. S. G. Miller for Purchase Lot	2,500.00	
Paid Misses Powlas	325.00	
Paid Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, for Mission Property	907.60	
Paid Rev. A. J. Stirewalt for Mission Property	379.53	
Paid Mrs. R. C. Holland on Jubilee Fund for Miss Hyams	50.00	
Paid Miss Bowers	270.58	
Oct. 22, 1918, by balance on hand	3,877.32	
		$16,258.17

CHAPEL FUND

RECEIPTS

December, 1916:

To amount on hand at settlement	$1,526.45	
To amount from Holland Memorial Fund	1,302.12	
To amount from Gymnasium Fund	2,150.00	
To amount from four per cent. on Deposit	138.26	
By amount of balance, Oct. 22, 1918		$5,116.83

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. CLINE, *Treasurer.*

CERTIFICATE OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your committee appointed to audit the accounts of Mr. John A. Cline, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, have examined the same and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
J. M. HENDRIX.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

October 22, 1918.

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE BIENNIUM

Current Expense Fund	$54,288.99	
Holland Memorial Fund (including $4,000.00 Jubilee Fund yet in hand Special Treasurer)	20,258.17	
		$74,547.16

ASSETS

Property in Japan valued at		$222,815.00
Balance on hand, Current Fund		3,503.99
Balance on hand, Holland Memorial		3,877.32
Jubilee Fund, held by Special Treasurer		4,000.00
Chapel Fund Deposit in America	$5,116.83	
Chapel Fund Deposit in Japan	3,147.26	8,264.09
		$242,460.40

LIABILITIES

Owing on land at Kyushu Gakuin	$6,444.83	
Owing on Hakata Kindergarten	2,000.00	
		$8,444.83

Report of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South presents the following report:

The Board, as constituted at present, is composed of the Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., President; the Rev. C. K. Bell, D.D., Vice-President; Mr. J. H. Rehder, Treasurer; Rev. J. L. Sieber, Rev. T. W. Shealy, B. B. Miller, Esq., with the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher as Recording and General Secretary.

To this date, ten meetings of the Board have been held, at which the various fields and phases of our Home Mission work received careful consideration.

MISSIONS CONTINUED

Graham, Va.—This mission at present is without a pastor. The Rev. A. W. Ballentine having resigned April 30, 1918, the Board has requested the Southwestern Virginia Synod to make the congregation a part of a self-sustaining pastorate.

Portsmouth, Va.—The progress of this work under the pastoral care of the Rev. W. A. Craun is marked by the fact that it has increased its pastor's salary, and also requested the Board to reduce its appropriation.

Greensboro, N. C.—After a pastorate of seventeen months the Rev. E. L. Folk relinquished this important work and is to be succeeded by the Rev. E. A. Shenk, who will assume charge December 1st. During the vacancy the congregation had services practically every Sunday.

Kannapolis, N. C.—This mission rejoices in the fact that it has completed its sanctuary. The congregation, under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. G. H. C. Park, is showing satisfactory growth.

Lenoir, N. C.—The Rev. L. D. Miller became pastor of this mission October 1, 1918. Normal development may be expected to continue in this work.

Gastonia, N. C.—The Rev. J. C. Dietz continues in charge of this important industrial field. During the biennium, largely through the provision of an interested friend, a chapel has been erected in one of the mill villages adjacent to the city. The chapel cost $2,575, and is paid for.

Spartanburg, S. C.—In addition to meeting the immediate needs of our own membership, the pastor, Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., has shown an intense interest in the Lutheran constituency of Camp Wadsworth, and has been exerting an influence of a most wholesome and far-reaching character.

Greenville, S. C.—The presence of an army camp in this vicinity made it imperative that strenuous efforts be put forth toward the early completion of the church edifice here. To this end the Board, together with Pastor C. L. Miller and the congregation, entered into an arrangement with the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, whereby contracts were let which justify the expectation of the complete equipment of the building for public worship.

Macon, Ga.—Upon the resignation of the Rev. Paul C. Weber, this work was placed under the pastoral care of the Rev. Henderson N. Miller, Ph.D. There has been a very notable increase in the membership and signs of intensive activity in the congregation are in evidence. The welfare of the soldiers in Camp Wheeler became a matter of earnest concern to the pastor and his people.

Birmingham, Ala.—Notwithstanding the persistent efforts of the Board, no pastor has been secured as yet for this most important point to succeed the Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., who resigned in April, 1918. During the biennium the Board paid all outstanding financial pledges made to this congre-

gation. It is the conviction of your Board that there is no more important field being operated in our territory, and that it will require large investment of the resources of the Church for its successful development.

Jackson, Miss.—The resignation of the Rev. T. B. Epting became effective October 15th. Whilst our work here is of comparatively small proportions, yet the importance of the field justifies the continuance of persistent and patient effort in the attempt to promote the interest of our Church.

Lingle, Miss.—The Board has continued a small appropriation for this work. The Rev. E. C. Witt resigned the charge May 1, 1918.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—This congregation has been fortunate in securing a centrally located site for its permanent home. The purchase was made at a cost of $8,500. The dwelling on the lot has been converted into a chapel and parsonage. The Holston Synod has been responding most liberally to the needs of this congregation. The importance of this mission has been increased by the proximity of important military establishments. The Rev. H. B. Schaeffer relinquished the work in August, 1918. The outstanding need of this mission is an adequate church equipment.

Bristol, Tenn.—The Rev. J. L. Yost became pastor in June, 1917. Progress is being noted in the development of the work.

Lakeland, Fla.—The Rev. W. E. Pugh resigned this mission in July, 1918, and was succeeded by the Rev. H. C. Bell on October 1st. The work here is making normal progress.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—The appointment of the Rev. John Hall as an army chaplain caused his resignation as pastor of our congregation at this place and the Rev. W. E. Pugh assumed charge July 1, 1918.

NEW WORK

Kingsport, Tenn.—Under the initiative of the Holston Synod a congregation has been organized at this important point, and is being served by the Rev. H. G. Davis. The Board contributes to the support of this mission, and also donated $2,000 toward the purchase of a church property which was secured at a cost of $6,000.

Montgomery, Ala.—Through the suggestion and co-operation of the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare this Board has taken initial action looking towards the establishment of a mission in this capital city.

WORK DISCONTINUED

Morristown, Tenn.—At the request of the Holston Synod this mission has been transferred to the Executive Committee of said Synod.

Note.—For further information concerning all missions see tabulated exhibit.

CHURCH EXTENSION

The following loans have been made by the Board during the biennium from the Permanent Loan Fund, upon mortgage, personal endorsement or other adequate securities:

Place.	*Amount of Loan.*	*Term of Loan.*
Lenoir, N. C.	$800.00	2 years
Charlotte, N. C.	2,800.00	3 "
Liberty, N. C.	300.00	1 "
Birmingham, Ala.	5,241.67	3 "
Virginia Heights, Va.	1,500.00	3 "
Manassas, Va.	300.00	2 "
Chattanooga, Tenn.	3,000.00	3 "
Kannapolis, N. C.	1,500.00	3 "

Two loans of $1,400 each were made to Holy Trinity, Charlotte, N. C. The first was assumed by Mrs. Bernheim; the second was effected October, 1918.

AMOUNTS REPAID

Place.	*Amount.*
Greenville, S. C.	$200.00
Spencer, N. C.	125.00
Bluefield, W. Va.	200.00
Raleigh, N. C.	280.00
Charlotte, N. C.	1,030.00
Liberty, N. C.	300.00
St. Petersburg, Fla.	50.00
Total	$2,185.00

A complete statement concerning all loans made from the Permanent Loan Fund will be found in the report of our Treasurer.

GENERAL SECRETARY

During the biennium the Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.D., resigned the office of General Secretary and the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher was elected as his successor, who assumed his duties September, 1917.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. It is a source of satisfaction to note the fact that the contributions to Home Missions have been notably increased. Through this larger liberality the Board has been able not only to care for the work hitherto assisted, but has been justified in undertaking new activities. All outstanding obligations have been met promptly and the salaries of our missionaries have been paid without any delay.

2. The Board is free from all indebtedness.

3. Owing to the vast increase in the cost of living the Board deemed it wise and necessary to increase the compensation of its missionaries.

4. A bond for the Treasurer in the amount of $3,000 has been carried throughout the biennium.

5. The Treasurer of the One Days' Income Fund forwarded $3,559.30 to our Treasurer, which has been placed in the Home Mission Fund.

6. The District Synods adopted the tentative Rules and Regulations, submitted by this Board, for the Unification of our Mission work. The execution of the plan has been suspended pending the merging of the three general bodies.

7. Your Board has had representation at the various meetings of the Joint Committee appointed by the Home Mission Boards of the three general bodies to agree upon plans for the merging of their Home Mission interests.

8. In view of the total inability of your Board to meet the exigencies arising from the presence of numerous military camps upon our territory, an appeal was made by us to the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare for financial assistance necessary for the adequate care of the Lutheran soldiers within said camps. The Board desires to acknowledge the generous response by the Commission for this purpose. Plans for further co-operation on our territory are being matured.

9. The campaign authorized by the United Synod at its meeting in Wilmington, N. C., in the interest of the church at Birmingham, Ala., was launched by Pastor Cline, but owing to war conditions was discontinued.

BEQUEST

The Board has received from the executors of the estate of Mrs. Maria Louise Patterson the sum of $1,000, the interest accruing thereon to be used for Home Mission work in the North Carolina Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SEEGERS, *President.*
A. D. R. HANCHER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF J. H. REHDER, TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

October 1, 1916, to 1918

RECEIPTS ACCOUNT OF HOME MISSIONS

Cash on hand October 1, 1916	$902.76
Virginia Synod	4,768.01
Women's Home and Foreign Miss. Soc., Va. Synod	197.18
Mississippi Synod	35.36
Women's Home and Foreign Miss. Soc., Miss. Synod	5.00
Southwestern Virginia Synod	1,745.36
Women's Home and For. Miss. Soc., S. W. Va. Synod	250.00
North Carolina Synod	3,667.08
Women's Home and For. Miss. Soc., No. Car. Synod	1,610.66

Children's Society, No. Car. Synod for Birmingham..	413.86	
South Carolina Synod	5,312.65	
Women's Home and For. Miss. Soc., So. Car. Synod..	1,531.91	
Tennessee Synod	1,893.47	
Holston Synod	545.00	
Georgia Synod	2,400.00	
Cash received for General Secretaries' Expenses	41.11	
Federation Young People's Society, South Carolina for Jackson, Mississippi	682.50	
Cash Collections for General Secretaries	81.00	
St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, N. C., balance United Synod Meeting	6.63	
N. F. Lopp, House Rent, Lexington, N. C.	5.00	
G. M. Barger, Interest on Loan, Bluefield, W. Va.	54.00	
F. M. Raum, Interest on Loan, Petersburg, Fla.	44.40	
American T. & Banking Co., Interest	277.82	
R. C. Counts, Treas., "One Day's Income"	3,559.30	
Miss Mary E. Cline, Treasurer, N. C. Young People's Federation	20.00	
Total		$30,053.15

HOME MISSION DISBURSEMENTS

October 1, 1916, to 1918

Amount paid to S. W. Va. Synod Missions	$710.22	
Amount paid to Tennessee Synod Missions	725.27	
Amount paid to North Carolina Synod Missions	1,380.15	
Amount paid to Holston Synod Missions	1,204.23	
Amount paid to South Carolina Synod Missions	1,196.33	
Amount paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Ga.)	1,150.00	
Amount paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Fla.)	316.92	
Amount paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Ala.)	643.11	
Amount paid to Virginia Synod Missions	1,504.32	
Amount paid to Mississippi Synod Missions	2,285.32	
Amount paid to Mrs. A. E. Bernheim, Interest on Annuity, four payments	420.00	
Amount paid for Expenses of Board Meetings	530.47	
Interest on Richmond, Virginia, Loan	525.00	
Interest to Fred Larkins, for Birmingham	450.00	
Treasurer of Board, for Postage Stationery, etc.	15.00	
U. S. Fidelity Co., Treas. Bond	7.00	
Lutheran Board of Publication—printing tracts, stationery, etc.	385.08	
Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, Part Mission Map	2.42	
Dr. R. S. Patterson, Gen'l Sec. Salary	1,375.00	
Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Salary	1,700.00	
President of Board, Expenses, etc.	249.33	
General Secretary, for Traveling Expenses, etc.	480.12	
Holy Trinity Church Kingsport, Tenn.	2,000.00	
Christ's Lutheran Church, Birmingham, Ala.	2,950.00	
Dr. C. A. Freed, Expense to Birmingham, Ala.	18.00	
Rev. C. J. Shealy, Advertisements, etc.	3.75	
Total		$22,227.07
Balance cash on hand		7,826.08
Total		$30,053.15

THE PERMANENT LOAN FUND

October 1, 1916, to 1918

Balance cash on hand	$8,645.86	
Total receipts from all sources	12,767.63	
Total		$21,413.49

DISBURSEMENTS

Amounts Loaned—		
Lenoir, North Carolina	$800.00	
Charlotte, North Carolina	1,400.00	
Liberty, North Carolina	300.00	
Birmingham, Alabama	5,241.67	
Virginia Heights, Va.	1,500.00	
Manassas, Virginia	300.00	
Chattanooga, Tennessee	3,000.00	
Kannapolis, North Carolina	1,500.00	
Total		$14,041.67
Balance cash on hand		7,371.82
Total		$21,413.49

FULL STATEMENT OF ALL PERMANENT LOANS

Greenville, S. C., Due 1921	$1,500.00	
Spencer, North Carolina, Due 1918	700.00	
St. Petersburg, Florida, Due 1918	700.00	
Bluefield, West Virginia, Due 1917	800.00	
Jackson, Mississippi, Due 1920	1,500.00	
Lakeland, Florida, Due 1920	1,000.00	
Macon, Ga., Due 1919	1,500.00	
Lenoir, North Carolina, Due 1919	800.00	
Charlotte, North Carolina, Due 1918	470.00	
Birmingham, Alabama, Due 1919	5,000.00	
Virginia Heights, Virginia, Due 1920	1,500.00	
Manassas, Virginia, Due 1919	5,000.00	
Chattanooga, Tennessee, Due 1920	3,000.00	
Kannapolis, North Carolina, Due 1919	1,500.00	
Total		$20,270.00

GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS

For Home Missions and Church Extension	$29,209.97	
For Permanent Loan	12,767.63	
Total		$41,977.60

We, your committee appointed to audit the books of Mr. J. H. Rehder, Treasurer, have to report that we have examined the books, and find them correct, and painstakingly kept. His faithful and efficient work deserves the thanks of the Board.

(Signed) W. S. Clayton,
J. H. Dreher.

Location	Pastor	Membership 1916	Membership 1918	No. in S. S.	Property	Value	Indebtedness	Appropriated	Organized
Greenville, S. C.	C. L. Miller	110	100	65	Church and Parsonage	$45,000.00	$9,000.00	$600	1907
Spartanburg, S. C.	S. T. Hallman, D.D.	53	56	45	Church and Parish House	16,000.00	.....	240	1902
Gastonia, N. C.	J. C. Dietz	.....	122	140	Church	18,000.00	500.00	180	1898
Bessemer City, N. C.	J. C. Dietz	.....	87	82		1,800.00	200.00		1904
	Total	185	209	222		19,800.00	700.00	180	
Lenoir, N. C.	L. D. Miller	47	55	48	Church and Parsonage	7,000.00	1,750.00	480	1908
Kannapolis, N. C.	G. H. C. Park	126	169	280	Church	11,000.00	1,500.00	180	1914
Greensboro, N. C.	E. A. Shenk	110	101	105	Church and Parsonage	20,000.00	6,050.00	540	1911
*Raleigh, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	.....	52	36	Church	18,000.00	1,750.00	360	1912
Portsmouth, Va.	W. A. Craun	80	99	105	Church	38,000.00	18,500.00	600	1907
Graham, Va.	Vacant	67	65	51	Church	5,000.00	1,050.00	300	....
†Bristol, Tenn.	J. L. Yost	.....	100	60	Church	15,000.00	1,375.00	480	1905
Chattanooga, Tenn.	Vacant	53	67	45	Chapel and Parsonage	9,000.00	5,500.00	600	1914
Kingsport. Tenn.	H. G. Davis	.....	20	35	Chapel and Parsonage	7,000.00	1,500.00	600	1918
Jackson, Miss.	Vacant	33	28	13	Church and Parsonage	10,000.00	6,500.00	928	1914
Lingle, Miss.	Vacant	162	293	77	Churches and Parsonage	3,150.00	.....	108	....
Birmingham, Ala.	Vacant	69	83	50	Chapel and Lot	15,000.00	5,000.00	1300	1912
Macon, Ga.	H. N. Miller, Ph.D.	30	62	58	Chapel and Lot	4,500.00	1,000.00	780	1914
Lakeland, Fla.	H. C. Bell	38	48	50	Church and Parsonage	10,000.00	3,000.00	120	1909
St. Petersburg. Fla.	W. E. Pugh	58	50	56	Chapel and Parsonage	3,700.00	5,157.00	180	1911

* Mission of N. C. Synod in 1916.

† Associated with other congregations in ■ pastorate in 1916.

Report of the Board of Education

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE BIENNIUM 1917-1918

At the first regular meeting of the Board of Education after the last convention of the United Synod at Wilmington, N. C., organization was effected by the election of the following officers: President, Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D.; Vice-President, Dr. George B. Cromer; Secretary, Rev. L. L. Lohr, D.D.; Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D. The Board has held three meetings, two at Columbia, S. C., and one at Salisbury, N. C.

Only one Educational Conference with the representatives of our institutions was held. This was at Hickory, N. C., in 1917. In every respect the conference was a success and presaged closer relations between the Board and the institutions. This was manifested at the special conference with the representatives of the various College Boards at Salisbury, N. C., in connection with the Special Reformation Jubilee Convention of the United Synod. Owing to the steps being taken to effect the merger the Board did not actively pursue the policy it had formulated, so as not to interfere in any way with the larger work that was being planned. As the final meeting of the joint committee of the three Boards cannot be held until shortly before the meeting of this body it is impossible to report in detail the plans and the effect of the merging of the three Boards on our educational work.

As this is the final report of the Board to the United Synod it was thought advisable to give as full and complete a statement concerning our institutions as it was possible to gather. In presenting this part of the report the Board has endeavored to secure as uniform information as it could so as to present to the Church an exact survey of the educational effort which has been put forth by our Lutheran people of the South. A questionnaire was prepared and furnished each institution, and therefore the figures here given are those furnished by the responsible head of the institutions.

A SURVEY OF THE LITERARY INSTITUTIONS

The Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., under the control of the United Synod, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Dean, was founded in 1829. The number of students in attendance in the past six years is: 1914, 16; 1915, 14; 1916, 14; 1917, 20; 1918, 20; 1919, 22. The number of teaching hours are about 48 per week. There are 5,500 volumes in the library. Mission-study classes are conducted regularly. The property is estimated at $100,000. The endowment amounts to $39,000. There is an indebtedness of $21,200; deficits of $2,750, with $700 additional in the current fund. The income from all the sources is $5,522.74. No tuition is charged the students. The expenses for salaries and maintenance total $6,222.12. Before this report has been presented the campaign for $50,000 is in progress. It is impossible to give the actual number of graduates, as the earlier records are incomplete.

Roanoke College, at Salem, Va., Rev. J. A. Morehead, A.M., D.D., Presi-

dent, was established in 1853. It is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of 21 members, two-thirds of whom must be members in good standing in the Synods of Virginia and Southwestern Virginia. They are elected by the Board and serve during good behavior. The College is housed in nine buildings, of which one is used by the academy. It holds synodical connection with the two synods above referred to. There are 31 professors, of whom 27 give their full time to instruction. The maximum hours taught by the professors are 18; the minimum 15; the average 16. (Three hours of laboratory work is accredited as the equivalent of one hour of recitation according to Academic Standard. This applies to all the institutions.) The college grants both the B. A. and M. A. degrees, and conferred the former on 17 graduates last year. It requires 15 units for college entrance; allows two conditions, which must be made up in two years' time. The same conditions apply to special students. One hundred and twenty-four hours are required for the Bachelor's degree. No credit is given for music and two semester hours in physical training. As a maximum 18 hours are permitted per week for the student. The college announces 50 courses, of which all except 12 were given last year. Three hours of work are required in the Department of Bible, there being no optional course, and full credit is given for this work. The Y. M. C. A. numbers 120 members, with an average attendance at the meetings of 60. Chapel exercises are conducted daily, and attendance is compulsory. The student body is governed by a complete honor system. There are twenty-one men studying for the ministry and two for mission work. Last year, of the 28 students working their way through college, two did so wholly and 26 in part. There are mission-study classes in college, and 70 per cent. of the students take part in them. Two Synods interested in this college provide beneficiary aid. The attendance during 1914 was 174; 1915, 205; 1916, 187; 1917, 162; 1918, 187; 1919, 200; S. A. T. C., 120; military officers in charge, 4; total 324. Of the alumni three are students of law, eight of theology, six of medicine; also 99 lawyers; 177 ministers; 53 doctors; eight foreign missionaries; 13 engineering; 17 literary work; 56 agriculture; 53 college presidents and professors; 83 superintendents, principals and teachers in public schools. A total of 816. The college has 25,000 volumes in its library, 500 of which were added during the biennium. It is closely related in its work with the local churches. It is accredited as a Standard College by the State Department of Education and receives full credit in the State University. Its property is valued at $225,000. It has an endowment of $155,000, of which only $8,000 is unproductive. Its indebtedness amounts to $40,000 on the plant. The income ordinarily is $8,000 from endowment; $7,000 from tuition; $2,000 from rents, and $13,500 from other sources. The expenses are divided as follows: teaching force, $21,000; maintenance, $11,000, and advertising, etc., $500. The highest salary paid is $2,000, and the lowest $1,000, or an average of $1,400. A campaign for a Quadricentennial Fund of $100,000 is in progress.

Newberry College, at Newberry, S. C., Professor S. J. Derrick, A.M., President, was founded in 1856. Its trustees are 24 in number and are elected by the Synod of South Carolina, under whose control it is operated. The trustees are elected for a term of two years. It is housed in nine buildings. There are 13 professors, of whom eight give their full time to instruction. The maximum hours taught by the professors are 21; the minimum, 17; the average, 19. The college grants both the A. B. and B. S. degree. It requires 14 units for college entrance; allows two conditions which must be made up in two years' time. The same conditions apply to special students. One hundred and twenty-four hours are required for the A. B. degree. No credit is given for music or physical training. As a maximum 20 hours are permitted the student per week. The college offers 47 courses, of which 43 were given last year. One hour of work is required in the Department of Bible, half-credit being given for this work. The Y. M. C. A. is composed of the whole student body, the average attendance at the meetings being about forty per cent. Chapel exercises are conducted each morning, attendance being compulsory. There are 24 men studying for the ministry. Last year, of the 39 students working their way through college, three did so wholly and 36 in part. There are mission-study classes in college, and 30 per cent. of the students take part in them. Aid is given students through scholarships and through the beneficiary aid of the South Carolina Synod. The attendance during 1914 was 184; 1915, 171; 1916, 194; 1917, 196; 1918, 162; 1919, 103; S. A. T. C., 100; military officers in charge, 4; total, 207. Of the alumni two are students of law; six of theology; four of medicine; also 30 lawyers; 74 ministers; 34 doctors; one missionary; 10 engineering; 25 literary work; 21 business; 35 agriculture; 14 college presidents and professors; 117 superintendents, principals and teachers in secondary schools, a total of 550 (30 being women). The college has 7,000 volumes in its library, 144 having been added during the biennium. There is a cordial relationship between the college and the local churches. It is accredited as a first grade college by the State Department of Education and receives full credit in the State University. Its property is valued at $125,000. It has an endowment of $176,000, of which $25,000 is unproductive. Its indebtedness amounts to $47,000 on the plant. The income ordinarily is $7,598.11 from endowment; $8,503.14 from tuition; $5,424.35 from other sources. The expenses are divided as follows: teaching force, $12,577.53; maintenance and advertising and general promotion, $9,062.50. The highest salary paid is $2,000, and the lowest $1,320, the average professor's salary being $1,543.33.

Lenoir College, at Hickory, N. C., Rev. R. L. Fritz, A.M., D.D., President, was founded in 1891. Its trustees are 24 in number, required to be Lutherans and elected for a term of four years by the Tennessee Synod, under whose control the college is operated. It is housed in four buildings. There are 19 professors, of whom 15 give their full time to instruction. The maximum hours taught by a professor are 25; the minimum 10; the

average 15. The college grants both the A. B. and A. M. degrees. It requires 15 units for college entrance; allows two conditions which must be made up in one year's time—before admission to Sophomore class—on certificate or by examination. One hundred and twenty hours are required for the A. B. degree. No credit is given for music or physical training. As a maximum 21 hours a week are permitted the student. The college announces 47 courses, 43 of which were given last year. Two hours of work are required in the Department of Bible. Full credit is given for this work. The Luther League numbers 75 members, with an average attendance of 55 at its meetings. Chapel exercises are conducted daily and attendance is compulsory. The student body is governed by a complete honor system. There are 19 men studying for the ministry and two for mission work. Mission-study classes are conducted at the college, and 75 per cent. of the students take part in them. Whatever beneficiary aid is furnished is given by the Tennessee Synod. The attendance during 1914 was 287; 1915, 270; 1916, 270; 1917, 255; 1918, 201; 1919, 151; S. A. T. C., 100; military officers in charge, 4; total, 255. No record of the occupations of the graduates was given. The total number of graduates is 255 men, 120 women. The college has 3,300 volumes in its library, 350 of which were added during the biennium. Students are active in the college church. The college is accredited as an "A" grade college by the State Department of Education, being given full credit by the State University for its A. B. work. Its property is valued at $150,000. It has an endowment of $50,000, of which $30,000 is productive. Its indebtedness amounts to $20,000 on the plant. The income ordinarily is $1,500 from endowment; $17,416 from tuition; $2,200 from other sources. The expenses are as follows: teaching force and maintenance, $21,416.70. The highest salary paid is $1,400, and the lowest $900, the average being $1,100. A campaign for $100,000 for endowment and for 300 students was closed October 10, 1917, $50,000 in subscriptions and $28,000 in bequests was secured.

The Collegiate Institute at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Professor G. F. McAllister, A.B., A.M., President, was established in 1854. Its trustees are 18 in number, elected by the Synod of North Carolina, under whose control it is operated. The trustees are elected for a term of three years—one-third of whom must be clergymen who are members of other than the Lutheran Church, all of whom are eligible for re-election. It is housed in three buildings, and has four full-time teachers. The maximum hours taught by a teacher is 34, the minimum 22, the average 28. The institute announces two courses, both of which were given last year. As a maximum 28 hours a week are permitted a student. One hour of Bible study is required, and credit is given for work done. The Y. M. C. A. numbers 40 members, with an average attendance at the meetings of 25. Chapel exercises are conducted five times a week and attendance is compulsory. The student body is governed by a modified military system. Six students are preparing for the ministry and one for mission work. Four students worked their way

through the school in part last year. Mission-study classes are in process of organization. Beneficiary aid is provided both by Synod and the Institute. The attendance during 1914, 102; 1915, 75; 1916, 71; 1917, 78; 1918, 87; 1919, 82. Of the alumni 4 are students of theology; 2 of medicine; 4 are lawyers; 40 ministers; 5 doctors; 4 engineering; 39 in literary work; 15 in business; 13 in agriculture; 9 college presidents and professors; 28 superintendents, principals, and teachers. A total of 148. The Institute has a library of 4,500 volumes, of which 25 were added during the biennium. It is closely related in its work with the local congregation, the students being required to attend Sunday School and the services each Sunday. Graduates automatically receive certificates to teach in public schools from the State Department of Education. Completion of the 8th Grade in public schools admits to Freshman (Preparatory) class of the Institute. Graduates enter Junior class of Lutheran colleges, and Sophomore class of State University without examination. Its property value is $50,000. It has an endowment of $5,000, all unproductive. Its indebtedness amounts to $6,000 for the plant. The income ordinarily is $6,305.71 from tuition; $300 profit from boarding department; $1,112.26 rent and appropriation from Synod; and $35 from other sources. Expenses include $6,550 for the teaching force; $922 for maintenance; and $565 for advertising and general promotion. The highest salary paid is $1,200, the lowest $625, the average $820. A campaign for $40,000 for enlargement and improvement of plant is in progress.

Mont Amoena Seminary, at Mount Pleasant, N. C., Rev. R. A. Goodman, A.B., President, was founded in 1859. It is under the control of 12 trustees, elected by the North Carolina Synod for life. The trustees must be members of Synod and of good character. It has one building, and seven teachers, six of whom give their full time. The maximum number of hours taught a week by a teacher is 24; the minimum 15; the average 20. As a maximum students are permitted 24 hours of work a week. One hour of Bible study is required of all boarding students. Chapel exercises are conducted daily and attendance is compulsory. The student is governed partially by the honor system. Last year four students partially worked their way through the seminary. Mission-study classes are conducted, 100 per cent. of the boarding students taking part in them. The attendance during 1914 was 78; 1915, 83; 1916, 75; 1917, 90; 1918, 88; 1919, 90. Of the 275 alumnæ, 37 are teachers and two principals. The library consists of 2,500 volumes. The seminary is closely related to the local congregation, attendance at the services being compulsory. The rating of the seminary by the State Department of Education is pending. Graduates finish at standard colleges in three years. The seminary's property is valued at $40,000. Its indebtedness amounts to $13,000 for the plant. The income ordinarily is $10,000 and $300 from other sources. Expenses include $9,500 for teaching force, $200 for maintenance, and $300 for advertising and general promo-

tion. The highest salary paid is $900, the lowest $600, the average $750. A campaign for $13,000 and 100 students is projected.

Elizabeth College, at Salem, Va., Professor Paul Seig, A.M., President, was established in 1911. It is connected with the Virginia and Southwestern Virginia Synods, and is controlled by a board of 21 trustees elected by the board for life, but who must be members of one or the other of the Synods. There are two buildings used by the college. The teaching force is composed of 10 professors who give full time service, and two who give part time service. The maximum hours per professor are 24 a week, the minimum 12, and the average 15. The college confers the A. B. degree. It requires 15 units for entrance; allows three conditions which must be made up in two years' time. Six hours' credit is granted for music. On an average 20 hours are the maximum number per week allowed the student. Sixty-five semester hours are required for the A. B. degree. The number of courses announced is 68, the number given last year. In the Department of Bible 9 hours are required and full credit is given. Compulsory attendance at daily chapel is a requirement. The government of the students is by the honor system. Last year five students partially worked their way through college. The mission-study classes are attended by one-half of the boarding pupils. There is a Luther League and a Y. W. C. A. to which most of the students belong. The total number of graduates of the institution from its beginning under Dr. King is 249; since its existence at Salem 59. The attendance was 100 in 1914; 96 in 1915; 111 in 1916; 92 in 1917; 94 in 1918, and 70 in 1919. There are 4,000 books in the library, 20 were added during the year. It is rated among the Standard A colleges by the State Department of Education. Its property value is $86,500. There is no endowment. The indebtedness totals $48,000.03, for accumulated deficits $17,800, for the plant $30,202.03. Its resources were: from tuition, $13,273.78, and from other sources, $10,274.65. Its expenses are: for teaching force, $21,262.50, and for maintenance and advertising, $2,991.31. The highest salary paid is $1,200, the lowest $475, the average $800. A campaign for $150,000 is projected.

Summerland College, at Leesville, S. C., Professor P. E. Monroe, President, was founded in 1912 by the South Carolina Synod. The board is composed of 18 trustees, elected by Synod for a term of three years. It is housed in two buildings and has 13 teachers, of whom 10 give their full time to college work. The maximum number of hours given each week by each teacher is 26; the average is 22 hours. The college confers the A. B. and B. M. degrees. It requires 14 units for entrance and allows two conditions which must be made up in two years' time. Three hours' credit is given for music. The student is permitted to take 23 hours of work a week. For the A. B. degree 65 semester hours are required. The number of courses announced and given were two. Four hours are made compulsory in the Bible Department with full credit given. Attendance upon daily chapel exercises is demanded. A partial honor system is in vogue.

Twelve students were working their way through college in part. In the mission-study classes 90 per cent. of the students take part. The boarding pupils are members of the South Carolina Synod's Young People's Federation, and are required to attend Wittenberg Lutheran Church every Sunday. The number of graduates totals 38. The attendance of students has been 1914, 76; 1915, 80; 1916, 82; 1917, 86; 1918, 101; 1919, 101. There are 2,000 volumes in the library, of which 800 were added during the biennium. The State Department of Education grants the graduates a life-certificate as teachers in public and high schools. The property is valued at $45,000. There is no endowment, nor any indebtedness. The income from tuition is $12,000. The expenses are $6,000 for the teaching force. The highest salary paid is $2,000, the lowest $540.

Marion College, at Marion, Va., Professor C. Brown Cox, A.M., President, was established in 1873. It is controlled by a board of trustees, which numbers 25 members, who are elected by the board for life. The only requirement is that one-half the number must be members of the Lutheran Church. It has no Synodical connection. At the recent meeting of the Southwest Virginia Synod synodical recognition was given it. There are two buildings and 17 full time professors. The maximum teaching hours required of the professors is 23, the minimum 20, the average 20½. No academic degrees are conferred. Fifteen units are required for entrance with the allowance of two conditions which must be made up the first year. The student is permitted to take from 20 to 25 hours per week. Twelve courses were announced and given last year. One hour is required in the Bible Department. Daily attendance upon chapel is compulsory. The partial honor system obtains in student government. Six students worked their way through college. All of the students take part in the mission-study classes. The graduates number 225. In the past years attendance has been as follows: 1914, 95; 1915, 105; 1916, 118; 1917, 150; 1918, 125; 1919, 185. The library contains 1,500 volumes, 500 of which were added during the biennium. The college is rated by the State Department of Education as a Standard Junior College. The value of the property is $100,000. There is no endowment. The indebtedness on the plant is $30,000. The income is $32,000 from tuition and $7,000 from other sources. The expenses are $16,000 per year for all purposes. The highest salary paid is $1,200, the lowest $450, the average $600.

Shenandoah Lutheran Institute, at New Market, Va., Mrs. W. J. Finck, Principal, was founded in 1913. It is a school established by the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod for the purpose of giving courses in High School, Grammar and Primary Grades. There are five teachers employed, three of whom give their full time to the school. The attendance has been: 1914, 35; 1915, 48; 1916, 45; 1917, 46; 1918, 64; 1919, 40, which number will be increased materially during the year. The seven trustees are elected by the Conference. The school owns no property, nor has it any endowment.

Thus it appears that there are nine institutions of learning on the territory of the United Synod, the Theological Seminary, two Grade "A" colleges for men, one Grade "A" college for men and women, one military institute for boys, and four colleges for women. The property values aggregate $821,500; indebtedness, $225,200.03; endowment, $386,000; income, $173,965.74; expenses, $161,069.66; campaigns on for $453,000. There are 98 full time teachers, 15 part time, and 1,069 students enrolled in 1918.

In many of the colleges room, light, heat and board are provided in lieu of additional salary to the teachers. A desire for closer affiliation with the Board of Education is expressed by practically all. Every institution is ready to co-operate with the Board and believes that the Board of Education can be of the greatest service to it in furthering the cause of education and the interests of the college. In the United Lutheran Church a field of activity undreamed of is about to open to its Board of Education.

In closing this report it might be well to state that the Educational Conference was not held this summer, because the government had requested that as far as possible passenger traffic should be curtailed on the railroads.

The Treasurer's report is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Hoppe,
Geo. B. Cromer,
L. L. Lohr,
John W. Horine,
W. H. Riser,
E. S. Dreher,
E. W. Peery.

REPORT OF TREASURER BOARD OF EDUCATION, UNITED SYNOD

RECEIPTS

Sept. 1, 1916, Balance Forwarded	$104.71	
To Jan. 1, 1917	38.54	
Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1918	384.91	
Jan. 1, 1918, to Nov. 1, 1918	188.13	
		$716.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Sept. 1, 1916, to Jan. 1, 1918	$246.45	
Jan. 1, 1918, to Nov. 1, 1918	264.82	
		$511.27
Balance in Treasury Nov. 1, 1918		$205.02

John W. Horine, *Treasurer.*

Report of Board of Publication

The Lutheran Board of Publication begs to submit a report of its business since the meeting of the United Synod in 1916. The Board has been greatly handicapped by the shortage of labor and the difficulty of securing necessary supplies, due to the unsettled condition of the country. It has been a constant struggle to conduct the business and the Board feels that merely to have held its own is something of an accomplishment. The financial exhibit is set forth in the auditor's report, which covers the biennium from April 1, 1916, through March 31, 1918, and is a part of this report.

There are several matters which the Board of Publication brings to the attention of the United Synod.

1. *Resignation.*—The Board lost the valuable services of its President, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, by his resignation as a member of the Board on December 1, 1917.

2. *Biblical Dogmatics.*—The author of this book, Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., has given to the Church and the world a publication of great and permanent value. As its publisher the Lutheran Board of Publication has gained prestige and has performed a distinct service. The book deserves a wider and more rapid sale.

3. *Periodicals.*—On January 1, 1918, the subscription price of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* was advanced from $1.50 to $2.00 per annum. The club rate was advanced from $1.25 to $1.50. This rise in price was made necessary by the increased cost of production. The *Visitor* is still published at a financial loss. The subscription price of *Tidings* remains at 25 cents per copy, $20 per hundred. The circulation of the *Visitor* is about 6,000 copies; the circulation of *Tidings* is 6,800.

4. *Book of Worship.*—The appearance of the Common Service Book has made the Book of Worship a back number. It is bound to be gradually superseded by the new book. Meanwhile the Lutheran Board of Publication has in stock several hundred copies of the Book of Worship in various styles of binding, the whole valued at $1,000. The United Synod's Committee on Common Book of Worship has granted the request of the Board for permission to offer the books in stock at a reduced price.

5. *The Board of Publication and the Merger.*—The Board has cooperated with the Boards of Publication of the General Synod and the General Council in taking measures looking to the consolidation of the three Boards.

(A) The Lutheran Board of Publication has adopted the following plan, which has also been adopted by the other two Boards at interest, as well as by the General Synod and the General Council at their conventions held last year. The Lutheran Board of Publication recommends its adoption also by the United Synod.

THE NAME

This Corporation shall be called The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church of America and shall be incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It shall consist of twenty-four members (nine of whom shall constitute an Executive Committee, the President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be members of the Executive Committee) in the proportion of ten from the General Council, ten from the General Synod and four from the United Synod in the South. If the Augustana Synod joins in the incorporation, it shall be entitled to six additional representatives, making the Board to consist of thirty members.

ELECTIONS

The membership of the first Board shall be chosen by the existing Boards of the three general bodies merging; that is, The General Council Publication Board shall elect ten; the Lutheran Publication Society shall elect ten; the Board of the United Synod South shall elect four. If the Augustana Synod enters, it shall be entitled to six.

The term of office shall be six years, but at the first election the General Council shall assign three for two years, four for four years and three for six years.

The General Synod shall arrange its membership into three groups holding office three for two years, three for four years and four for six years respectively.

The United Synod South shall elect two for two years, one for four years and one for six years.

At the expiration of the terms of office of these members, their successors shall be elected by The United Lutheran Church of America in Convention assembled, but the Board shall be privileged to make nominations.

Vacancies occurring in the interim between sessions shall be filled by the Board, members so elected completing the term of office they have been selected to fill.

PRELIMINARY TO PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

After the merger of the general bodies has been consummated, and an organization has been effected, the President of The United Lutheran Church of America shall notify the several Boards of Publication who shall at once meet and transact the following business:

(*a*). They shall elect the representation for the General Board as prescribed in article "Election".

(*b*). An appraisal shall be made of all property; real estate, equipment and other assets; also an invoice of stock, accounts payable, and liabilities. For this appraisal, all parties to the merger shall be represented, and a method of adjusting disagreements as to valuation shall be arranged.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL BOARD

Immediately after election by the several constituent Boards, the members of the Publication Board of The United Lutheran Church of America shall obtain a charter, and formulate By-Laws, wherein its purposes and rules of operation shall be set forth. Said purposes shall be similar to those stated by the charters of the present constituent Boards, but the By-Laws may be affected by the larger scope of business and representation resulting from the merger of the general bodies.

CONTRACTS NOW EXISTING

All assets, including contracts with authors and publishers involving royalties and copyrights now owned by the several Boards, shall be conveyed to the General Board as soon as possible after its incorporation.

EMPLOYEES

Favorable consideration is to be given by the General Board to salaried and other employees of the Constituent Boards.

(B) The Lutheran Board of Publication, acting on its conviction that the continuance of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* is vital to the best interests of the Lutheran Church in the South, has adopted and communicated to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means the following proposition: "We request that the paper be continued, that the bookstore in Columbia be retained as a branch of the Board of Publication of the United Church, the real estate being turned over to the United Board with the other assets. The title to the paper is to be vested in the United Board. Said Board shall appoint a Committee on *Lutheran Church Visitor,* with power to publish the same, appoint its editor and determine its policy. This Committee shall consist of five members, three of whom shall be members from the Church in the South."

The Board respectfully submits that the *Lutheran Church Visitor* is the property of the United Synod and is at its disposal. It is for the United Synod to determine whether the paper shall be transferred to the United Board with or without a recommendation for its continued publication in the service of the Southern Church.

6. *Financial Exhibit.*—The books of the Board have been audited by an expert accountant. His report has been approved by the Board and is herewith given in full.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MARCH 31, 1918

ASSETS

Liquid—

Cash on Hand	$50.00	
Notes Receivable	3,191.70	
Accounts Receivable	9,021.16	
Merchandise Inventory	6,857.57	
Printing Department Inventory	4,792.39	
Building and Loan Stock	4,522.50	
Total Liquid		$28,435.32

Fixed and Deferred—

Editorial Library	$132.47	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,515.67	
Machinery and Equipment	19,460.01	
Real Estate	42,519.16	
Storage Building	266.05	
Total Fixed		$63,893.36
Total Assets		$92,328.68

LIABILITIES

Liabilities—

Bank Overdraft	$287.45	
Accounts Payable	5,295.32	
Notes Payable	23,820.00	
Notes Re-Discounted	3,191.70	
Total Liabilities		$32,594.47
Net Assets		$59,734.21

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investment Account—

Property Fund	$9,098.82	
Real Estate Profits	54,663.54	
Actual Investment	63,762.36	
Net Loss to March 31, 1916	1,064.17	
Book Value, March 31, 1916	62,698.19	
Loss this Period (See B. & L.)	2,963.98	
Book Value Investment, March 31, 1918		$59,734.21

TRADING ACCOUNT—April 1st, 1916, through March 31st, 1918.

Merchandise—

Inventory, March 31, 1916	$5,361.97	
Purchases	22,915.52	
	$28,277.49	
Deduct Inventory, March 31, 1918	6,857.57	
Cost of Goods Sold	$21,419.92	
Sales	29,820.30	
Gross Profits on Merchandise		$8,400.38

Printing Department—

Inventory, March 31, 1916	$2,051.46	
Purchases and Expenses	41,333.70	
	$43,385.16	
Deduct Inventory, March 31, 1918	4,792.39	
Cost of Goods Sold	$38,592.77	
Sales	39,512.67	
Gross Profits on Printing		$919.90
Gross Profits on *Tidings*		544.84
		$9,865.12
Less *Loss* on *Lutheran Church Visitor*		2,662.98
Net Trading Profits to Profit and Loss		$7,202.14

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT—April 1, 1916, through March 31, 1918.

Earnings—

Trading Profits Forward	$7,202.14	
Rents	4,844.93	
Total Earnings		$12,047.07

Expenses—

Commissions	$17.35	
Freight and Express	329.07	
Fuel	997.73	
Insurance	1,117.67	
Interest	2,131.39	
Office	445.18	
Postage	1,320.73	
Repairs	290.70	
Royalties	10.00	
Salaries	4,338.75	
Traveling Expense	379.44	
Taxes	1,546.24	
Water	167.88	
General Expense, Janitor, etc.	1,918.92	
Total Expense not Charged to Departments		$15,011.05
Net Loss for Period as shown in Investment Account on Financial Statement		$2,963.98

SCHEDULE OF BILLS PAYABLE—March 31, 1918.

Peoples' National Bank	$4,400.00	
American Type Founder	400.00	
Mergenthaler Linotype Company	480.00	
J. H. Schroeter & Brother	840.00	
Virginia Life Insurance Company	17,500.00	
Total per Financial Statement		$23,620.00

Note:—The machinery notes above, viz.: American Type Founder, Mergenthaler, and J. H. Schroeter & Brother, are payable in monthly installments of $25 and $40 each.

The obligation to Virginia Life Insurance Company is evidenced by Bond and Mortgage that can probably be carried as long as desired.

7. The Board recommends to the United Synod that the full number of seven members be elected and that the Board be authorized to fill any vacancy which may occur in its membership, the Board to administer the publication business until the merging of its interests with those of the two other Publication Boards is completed, provided the same be effected before the biennial meeting of the United Synod in 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Cline, Sr., *President.*
J. W. Horine, *Manager.*

In connection with the report of the Board of Publication the Secretary of that Board read a communication from G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., relating to the merging of the Lutheran Board of Publication with the Publication Board of the General Synod and the General Council. On motion the paper was referred to the Ways and Means Committee of the United Synod.

It was voted that the Ways and Means Committee be given until tomorrow morning to prepare and present its report.

The Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D., for the Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on the Presentation of the Merger to the District Synods and on the Transfer of United Synod Property to the District Synods

In accordance with the action of the United Synod (see Minutes of Quadri-centennial Convention at Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 6-8, 1917, pp. 14, 15 and 25) your committee had the Resolutions of the United Synod on the Merger printed. These Resolutions, together with the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, were distributed among the members of the various Synods at the conventions of these bodies so far as held. At a meeting of the committee at Salisbury, N. C., the Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D., was named chairman, and W. T. Stauffer, Esq., treasurer. At that same meeting it was resolved that some member of the committee should appear in person at the meetings of the District Synods and that the chairman be empowered to appoint members for such duty, striving however to secure the service of some member of the committee for such presentation who was not a member of that particular Synod. As far as possible this has been done. The following appointments were made in accordance with this action: South Carolina Synod, Dr. W. Hoppe, assisted by Dr. H. A. McCullough; Georgia Synod, Dr. H. A. McCullough, assisted

by Dr. W. Hoppe; North Carolina Synod, Dr. H. A. McCullough, assisted by Messrs. J. A. Cline and D. F. Efird; Virginia Synod, Pastor J. L. Sieber, assisted by W. T. Stauffer, Esq.; Southwestern Virginia Synod, W. T. Stauffer, Esq., assisted by Pastor J. L. Sieber; Tennessee Synod, Dr. H. A. McCullough, assisted by Dr. W. Hoppe and Mr. D. F. Efird. In case of the Holston and the Mississippi Synods the chairman asked the officers of those Synods to make the presentation in order to save the expense of long trips.

Unanimous action was taken by the Synods as follows:

South Carolina Synod..... November 15, 1917
Georgia Synod..... November 20, 1917
North Carolina Synod..... May 10, 1918
Holston Synod..... August 10, 1918
Virginia Synod..... August 21, 1918
Southwestern Virginia Synod..... September 4, 1918
Tennessee Synod..... November 4, 1918
Mississippi Synod..... by referendum in October, 1918

The official certification of this action, executed by the officers of said Synods, is affixed to this report.

The various District Synods also resolved to perpetuate their interest in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.; the Lowman Home, at White Rock, S. C., and the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., and have elected members to these various Boards and will continue to do so annually. In accordance with the Resolution of the United Synod as to representation in the Boards the elections have resulted as follows:

Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C.—

South Carolina Synod (entitled to five):
Dr. C. A. Freed, Dr. M. G. G. Scherer,
Dr. M. O. J. Kreps, Dr. J. W. Horine,
Mr. A. H. Kohn.

North Carolina Synod (entitled to three):
Rev. J. F. Crigler, Rev. R. A. Goodman,
Mr. Eduard Ahrens.

Tennessee Synod (entitled to three):
Rev. A. R. Beck, Rev. B. D. Wessinger,
Hon. C. M. Efird.

Georgia Synod (entitled to two):
Dr. M. J. Epting, Mr. C. Breckwedel.

Virginia Synod (entitled to one):
Dr. E. R. McCauley.

Southwestern Virginia Synod (entitled to one):
Rev. K. Y. Umberger.

Mississippi Synod (entitled to one):
To be elected.

Holston Synod (entitled to one):
Rev. B. S. Brown.

Orphan Home at Salem, Va.—
South Carolina Synod (entitled to one):
Hon. John D. Cappelmann.

North Carolina Synod (entitled to three):
Rev. C. P. Fisher, Hon. Louis M. Swink,
Mr. J. S. Efird (Albemarle).

Tennessee Synod (entitled to four):
Dr. W. J. Finck, Rev. J. C. Peery,
Mr. E. M. Minnick, Mr. M. F. P. Troutman.

Georgia Synod (entitled to one):
Col. Henry E. Dreeson.

Virginia Synod (entitled to six):
Rev. J. W. Shuey, Mr. J. A. Alexander,
Rev. E. L. Ritchie, Mr. H. M. Clemmer,
Rev. B. A. Copenhaver, Mr. R. M. McKay.

Southwestern Virginia Synod (entitled to eight):
Rev. Paul Sieg, Mr. Ivan V. Yonce,
Rev. J. L. Sieber, Mr. G. W. Tompkins,
Rev. S. C. Ballentine, Mr. H. C. Derrick,
R. W. Kime, Esq., Mr. G. B. Morehead.

Mississippi Synod (entitled to one):
To be elected.

Holston Synod (entitled to one):
Rev. R. R. Sowers.

Lowman Home at White Rock, S. C.—
South Carolina Synod (entitled to three):
Dr. W. H. Greever, Mr. P. H. Haltiwanger,
Mr. P. C. Price.

North Carolina Synod (entitled to one):
Rev. G. W. McClanahan.

Tennessee Synod (entitled to one):
Hon. G. B. Wingard.

Georgia Synod (entitled to one):
Mr. J. Henry Meyer.

Virginia Synod (entitled to one):
Dr. J. J. Scherer, Jr.

Southwestern Virginia Synod (entitled to one):
Rev. S. C. Ballentine.

Mississippi Synod (entitled to one):
To be elected.

Holston Synod (entitled to one):
Mr. James F. Neas.

In further compliance with the Resolutions of the United Synod the committee employed R. W. Kime, Esq., of Roanoke, Va., to take the proper legal steps looking to the transfer of the control and management of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., and Judge C. M. Efird, of Lexington, S. C., to do the same for the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and the Lowman Home at White Rock, S. C., to the Boards to be constituted. The action of the Board of the Orphan Home, Salem, Va., with the Corporation Commission of the State of Virginia regularly recorded with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Clerk of Roanoke County making such changes in the charter of the institution as to have it comply with the action of this body is hereto affixed. As the Theological Seminary and the Lowman Home were not incorporated there was no need of effecting charter changes, however the properly executed deeds are herewith submitted.

The thanks of this body are due R. W. Kime, Esq., and Judge C. M. Efird for their untiring zeal in attending to legal matters for your committee, especially since both of them have kindly contributed their services to the furthering of this cause of the Church without any expense to it. Thanks should also be extended to Captain Jacob Paulsen, of Savannah, Ga., who contributed the money needed to defray the expenses of your committee, as well as to the Board of the Orphan Home for defraying the expense of record. The treasurer's report is subjoined to this.

W. Hoppe,
H. A. McCullough,
J. L. Sieber,
W. T. Stauffer, Esq.,
J. A. Cline,
D. F. Efird.

It was voted that a Committee be appointed to draw up a suitable resolution authorizing the officers of Synod to properly execute all necessary papers in order to carry out the changes mentioned in the aforesaid report. The President appointed the Hon. L. M. Swink, Hon. C. M. Efird, and W. T. Stauffer, Esq.

The Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., read a communication from the Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., as follows:

In my report to the General Synod for the Common Service Committee I propose the following:

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby assigns all its rights in the Common Service Book to The United Lutheran Church in America and authorizes the same to publish the said Common Service Book with its own imprint, provided, however, that the General Council and the United Synod in the South take similar action.

The United Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United Synod hereby assigns all its rights in the Common Service Book to The United Lutheran Church in America and authorizes the same to publish the said Common Service Book with its own imprint, provided, however, that the General Synod and the General Council take similar action.

The Rev. James D. Kinard, D.D., Statistical Secretary of the United Synod, presented his report and stated that the report was complete with the exception of the statistics of the Parochial Reports, all of which he had been unable to obtain. The report was adopted and Dr. Kinard was given further time to gather the parochial statistics.

On motion it was voted that the Committees on Christian Unity, on Church Art and Architecture, and To Nominate Visitors to Other General Bodies, be not appointed at this meeting.

The Committee on Ministerial Support reported no report. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Book of Worship and the Common Service Book reported as follows:

Report of the Committee on Book of Worship and the Common Service Book

It falls to your committee to make report at this time in regard to three matters: the Common Service Book and Hymnal; the Army and Navy Service Book; and our own Book of Worship.

In regard to the Common Service Book and Hymnal your committee was able to report to the last regular convention of the United Synod, held at Wilmington, the completion of the book and the preparation for its publication. Since then the music edition of the book has appeared and has been received with general favor. Text editions have not yet been published.

The preparation of the Army and Navy Service Book, based on the Common Service Book and Hymnal, was suggested, soon after the entrance of our nation into the war, by the needs of our young men in the national service. Quick action was necessary. Under the direction of the chairman of the Joint Common Service Committee the consent of the respective committees of the three general bodies was obtained. Thereupon the editorial committee of the Common Service Committee promptly prepared

the little book, which is unsurpassed in its kind and which has been so widely distributed among the men in the national service.

The issuing of the Common Service Book and Hymnal has raised a problem in regard to the Book of Worship, which is still in general use in our churches, but which will inevitably and should gradually go out of use. The problem is this: the Manager of the Board of Publication called the attention of your committee to the fact that there is a large stock of these books still on hand and suggested that the price of them should be reduced in order to hasten their sale. The opinions of the members of the committee were obtained and the majority favored the reduction in price. One member expressed the opinion that the Book of Worship would remain in use for a long time and that therefore the reduction was uncalled for. The Manager of the Board of Publication was directed by the chairman of your committee to propose a new scale of prices. The committee has not yet received from him the desired statement. But in view of the probability that churches will order the Common Service Book when their present supply of Books of Worship wears out and the possibility of an unsalable stock remaining on hand, your committee recommends that the United Synod order the reduction of prices on the books on hand and authorize its committee to fix the reduced prices.

A. G. Voigt,
M. G. G. Scherer,
L. A. Fox,
E. C. Cronk.

It was voted that a special Committee be appointed to take under advisement the third item of the report and report to Synod tomorrow morning. The President appointed the Revs. J. F. Crigler, C. I. Morgan, and the Hon. L. M. Swink. The Committee reported in the sixth session as follows:

We, your committee, appointed to consider the report of the Committee on Book of Worship and Common Service Book, after due consideration, recommend that the word "order" in the last paragraph relative to the fixing of price on Book of Worship, be changed to "approve", and with said alteration the report be adopted as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Crigler,
C. I. Morgan,
Louis M. Swink.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on resolution authorizing the officers of Synod to execute deeds submitted the following report, which was adopted by items, and adopted as a whole:

Be it Resolved, By the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, at a meeting duly held in the city of Roanoke, within the State of Virginia, on the 11th day of November, 1918, that its President be, and he is hereby, authorized, empowered and directed to sign a certain deed which was this day presented to the property situate near the city of Columbia, in the State of South Carolina, and known as the Theological Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina, to Rev. J. F. Crigler and others, trustees, of the various district Synods as therein stated, and that said deed be attested by the signature of the secretary of this corporation and by affixing the corporate seal thereto, and that said deed when so executed be delivered by the President as the act and deed of this corporation.

Be it Resolved, By the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, at a meeting duly held in the city of Roanoke, within the State of Virginia, on the 11th day of November, 1918, that its President be, and he is hereby, authorized, empowered and directed to sign a certain deed which was this day presented, to the property situate in the State of South Carolina, known as The Lowman Home, to Rev. G. W. McClanahan and others, trustees, of the various district Synods as therein stated, and that said deed be attested by the signature of the secretary of this corporation and by affixing the corporate seal thereto, and that said deed when so executed be delivered by the President as the act and deed of this corporation.

On motion the following resolution, offered by the Hon. C. M. Efird, was adopted:

Resolved, That the amended corporation of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., be referred to a committee to consider and report if it should be accepted by this body as in accordance with its previous action in reference to the disposition of the property.

The President appointed the Hon. L. M. Swink, Hon. C. M. Efird, and B. B. Miller, Esq.

Synod adjourned at 6 P. M., with prayer by Dr. McCullough, to meet on Tuesday at 9:30 A. M.

THIRD SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1918, 9:30 A. M.

The Synod convened and prayer was offered by the Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The President, by request, appointed two Presidents of Synods to assist in administering the Holy Communion on Thursday evening in New York City, namely, the Rev. J. L. Sieber, and the Rev. A. R. Beck.

The Revs. E. Fulenwider and W. H. Greever, D.D., and Mr. A. H. Kohn were excused from attendance at the Roanoke convention. It was voted that delegates absent from the sessions held in Roanoke but present at the sessions to be held in New York shall be marked absent and excused from the convention at Roanoke. It was voted that the question of the standing of the General Secretaries of our Boards in the convention of the United Church be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. It was further voted that the expenses of the Treasurer of Synod to the convention of the United Church be defrayed by this Synod.

The report of the representative of the United Synod on the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare was presented by the representative, the Rev. I. D. Worman. The report, which was adopted, was as follows:

Report of Representative on National Lutheran Commission

The National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare was organized October 19, 1917. The purposes for which the Commission was organized are accurately and fully stated in article second of the Articles of Association:

To support the government by inspiring loyalty and encouraging the men of the Army and Navy to high ideals of patriotism and service through the Means of Grace.

To provide, equip, and support pastors who will bring the Church to our soldiers and sailors, administering the means of grace and laboring among them to console, edify, and inspire them for personal Christian service among their associates.

To arouse the deeper interest of the home church and inspire the congregations to larger efforts in behalf of our soldiers and sailors.

To initiate new work whenever the need demands it.

To collect and disburse funds for the prosecution of this work.

To secure proper candidates for appointment to chaplaincies in the Army and Navy of the United States.

The Commission consists of the representatives of every General Lutheran Body that may wish to co-operate in the execution of its program. Each general body has one member on the Commission for every one hundred thousand confirmed members or fraction of one hundred thousand. The representatives vote as individuals. Twelve general bodies are represented in the membership of the Commission.

The executive machinery of the Commission consists of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, an Executive Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of nine members. There are five field Secretaries.

The National Lutheran Commission is our Church's agency for contact with the government in the spiritual care of our Lutheran men in the Army and Navy, as also for contact and co-operation with all other agencies engaged in ministering to the needs of our soldiers and sailors.

A drive for funds with which to prosecute the work of the Commission was made February 18-26, 1918. In spite of all difficulties encountered the drive was an eminent success. The Commission asked of our Lutheran people $750,000. The response was $1,328,000. In this magnificent way the Lutherans of the United States attested their love of Church and Country and their purpose to minister in every way to those who represent them in our Army and Navy. Camp pastors have been provided for all camps and these devoted men have labored with great acceptance and success.

When the war began we had three or four chaplains in the Army and Navy. We now have seventy-one chaplains in the service and others recommended for appointment. The Commission furnishes the equipment for camp pastors and chaplains.

Through the Lutheran Brotherhood the Commission has erected buildings and secured property for our work in and about the camps. Notable instances are the properties at Newport News and Norfolk, the Brotherhood building at Camp Dodge and the Great Lakes training station. A number of churches located near camps have received substantial assistance from the Commission.

The Commission was instrumental in bringing about an organization of Canadian Lutherans to care for the Lutheran men in the Canadian Army. The Lutheran women, too, have had a part in caring for our men in the service through the Women's Committee in connection with the Commission. The headquarters of this Committee is Lancaster, Pa., and Mrs. L. K. Sandford is Chairman of the Committee.

The Commission has provided literature for the work among our soldiers and sailors; 100,000 copies of the Army and Navy Service Book have been printed and distributed. Booklets such as "Christian Service in War Time", "Soldiers' Catechism" and others, have been provided. A

bi-monthly publication, "Our Lutheran Boys in Army and Navy", is issued by the Commission.

An urgent call has come forward in our industrial centers. The Commission is arranging to take up this most important work, and one man has already been called, and is at work. The Commission has two representatives in France who are seeking to devise ways and means of assisting those of our own faith in that stricken land in ministering to our men serving in Europe.

The Commission has proved itself an efficient agency for the prosecution of the great work providentially laid upon our Church through the great war. We trust that it may prove to be as efficiently instrumental to our beloved Church at home and abroad in the days and the work yet before us.

Respectfully,
I. D. WORMAN, *Commissioner.*

The report was adopted. On motion it was resolved that the present representative of this Synod on the Lutheran National Commission be continued until such time as The United Lutheran Church in America shall make provision for this work, and that the present representative be nominated to the Ways and Means Committee of the United Synod.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported through its Chairman, Dr. J. A. Morehead. The uniform report (13A) was adopted as a whole. The separate report (13B) was adopted unanimously by a rising vote. The separate report (13C) was adopted by the Ways and Means Committee and, on its recommendation, was adopted by the United Synod.

(13A)

Uniform Report of the Several Committees on Ways and Means

Your Committee on Ways and Means appointed to co-operate with similar committees from the other two general bodies in effecting the union of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, and the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, in accordance with action taken by them severally and instructions given would now offer the following report:

The several committees representing the general bodies named met in Baltimore, Md., February 6th, 1918, and organized a Joint Committee on Ways and Means by the election of Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., as President, and Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D.D., as Secretary. Sub-committees

were appointed to which were referred the several necessary parts of the work of the Joint Committee, and the acts of the committee from time to time, been taken after hearing and considering the reports of these several sub-committees.

Other meetings of the Joint Committee have been held as follows: Baltimore, April 3rd and 4th; Atlantic City, July 10th-12th; Harrisburg, August 23rd; Philadelphia, October 3rd and 4th; and Baltimore, October 22nd and 23rd.

It having been officially reported that the proposed Constitution had been ratified by a sufficient number of the Synods of each of the several bodies to assure the participation of these bodies in the organization thereunder of The United Lutheran Church in America, the Joint Committee proceeded to make all the necessary arrangements for such organization. The several boards and other agencies of the three bodies have co-operated with commendable spirit in the solution of the problems of the Joint Committee, and have so shaped the matters of which they have charge as to provide for the complete merging of these boards and agencies in due time.

New York City has been chosen by the Joint Committee as the place for the gathering of the three general bodies for the purpose of organizing The United Lutheran Church in America, and November 14th and 15th as the time.

Arrangements have been made for the three general bodies to be in session simultaneously in the city of New York on Thursday, November 14th, 1918, the sessions to begin at 1:00 o'clock P. M. and to continue as long as may be necessary to complete arrangements for merging. The General Synod will meet in St. James Church, 73rd Street and Madison Avenue; the General Council in Holy Trinity Church, 65th Street and Central Park West; and the United Synod in the Church of the Advent, 93rd Street and Broadway.

The following recommendations are submitted by the Joint Committee through us, your committee, with the request that they be adopted in order to secure uniformity of action and a proper order of procedure:

A. FOR ACTION BY THE THREE BODIES PRECEDING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

1. That each of the general bodies shall give notice to the other two not later than noon of Wednesday, November 13th, of its purpose to meet in New York on November 14th, as arranged for by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

2. That each general body shall be in session in the city of New York, at the place appointed for its convention, on Thursday, November 14th, from 1:00 P. M. to 3:00 P. M.

3. That each general body, as soon as it shall have assembled as provided for above, shall appoint two commissions of five members each, one

to each of the other bodies, which commissions shall be the bearers of such communications as it may desire to forward to them with regard to their readiness to meet with it Thursday afternoon and Friday morning to take the initiatory legal steps necessary to the incorporation of The United Lutheran Church in America.

4. That when these commissions shall have reported to their several bodies that they have performed the duty assigned to them, each body may adjourn at its pleasure subject to the call of its President or Executive Committee.

5. That the delegates of each general body be instructed to assemble on Thursday, November 14th, at 3:30 P. M., in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at 65th Street and Central Park West, and on Friday, November 15th, at 9:00 A. M., in the Engineering Societies' Hall, Nos. 25-33 West 39th Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

6. That at such time as they may elect during their last conventions prior to the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America, the General Synod and the General Council shall each amend the second of the "Resolutions" passed at its session in 1917, by substituting for the words, "After which it shall dissolve and merge in The United Lutheran Church in America, whose first convention shall then and there begin," the following: "After which the delegates of the General Synod (or General Council) shall join the delegates of the General Council (or General Synod), and the delegates of the United Synod in the South, and then the delegates of the said three bodies shall together as the delegates of the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America."

7. That at its next meeting, in November, the United Synod in the South shall change its "Resolutions", (see Minutes of United Synod, page 13) so as to make them read as follows:

Resolved, That the delegates of the United Synod shall on Thursday, November 14th, 1918, at 3:30 P. M., join the delegates of the General Synod and the General Council, and then and there the said delegates of the said three bodies shall together, as the delegates of the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Resolution 5. The biennial convention of the United Synod shall be arranged for the purpose of merging into The United Lutheran Church in America at a time and place convenient to enable its delegates to meet with the delegates of the General Synod and the General Council in the first Convention of the new body on or about November 14th, 1918.

Resolution 7. The Boards and other agencies of the United Synod, whose consolidation with similar Boards and agencies in the other bodies is contemplated in this union, shall proceed to effect such consolidation on such terms and in such manner that the respective interests which they hold in trust shall receive equitable consideration.

8. That each of the three general bodies shall take the following action at its meeting immediately preceding the first meeting of The United Lutheran Church in America:

Resolved, 1. That the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South will to the fullest extent requested from time to time by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America;

(*a*). Unite with the other two general bodies joining in the Merger in continuing all its activities in and through The United Lutheran Church in America.

(*b*). Convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (Name) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to The United Lutheran Church in America, or to the appropriate Boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America; and,

(*c*). Cause all the United Synod's Boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to, The United Lutheran Church in America, or to the appropriate Boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Resolved, 2. That the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South will henceforth act separately only under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Resolved, 3. That the United Synod will do such things and take such action as the said Executive Board may request from time to time for the purpose of:

(*a*). Carrying the preceding resolutions into effect; and

(*b*). Facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally merging the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and any or all of its Boards, institutions, organizations and agencies.

9. That the General Council shall take the following action:

Resolved, That the General Council hereby requests and directs the corporation "Trustees of the General Council of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America," and the trustees and officers of the corporation, to do all such things and take all such action in respect of all its activities, all its property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, all its Boards, institutions, organizations and agencies, and all its other matters whatsoever, as may be requested by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America in order to execute the same purpose which is evidenced by the General Council in the last three preceding Resolutions, found under the foregoing Section 8.

10. That each of the three general bodies shall take the following action:

Resolved, That the officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the

South, and its Boards, institutions, organizations and agencies are hereby authorized and directed to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce the three last preceding Resolutions found under the foregoing Section 8.

Your committee advises that all these recommendations be approved and complied with and the action requested taken by this body.

11. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommends, further, that if it should be found that the district Synods of either one of the general bodies, under its present basis of representation, would be entitled to either more or less delegates at its conventions, than the same Synod would be entitled to at the conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America under the basis of representation provided for in the Constitution, Article V, Section 1, the general body with which such Synod is connected shall consider the advisability of so amending its Constitution as to make the number of delegates to both conventions the same, and also to provide that the delegates elected by its district Synods to the conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America shall also be, by virtue of that fact, the delegates to its own conventions.

Your committee advises that this recommendation be approved in substance, and that the necessary steps be taken to carry it into effect.

12. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means further recommends that each of the three general bodies shall take the following action:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the United Synod that the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America be effected under the Constitution approved by the three general bodies and the district synods connected with them, and in accordance with the rules proposed by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Your committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by this body.

B. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following is an outline of the business that must be transacted by the unincorporated United Lutheran Church in America, November 14th and 15th, as furnished by the legal adviser:

1. At the first business meeting to be held on Thursday, November 14th, at 3:30 P. M., in the Church of the Holy Trinity:

(*a*). Election of President and Secretary of the unincorporated body (temporary officers). One of them must be a resident of the State of New York.

(*b*). Roll call of delegates.

(*c*). Reading the written prescribed notice of application for incorporation.

2. At the second business meeting and at such subsequent business meetings as may be agreed to:

(*a*). Roll call of delegates.

(*b*). Passing of a resolution to the effect that The United Lutheran Church determines to become incorporated under the laws of the State of New York by the name of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommends that this be done.

(*c*). Resolution that twelve persons be elected, who, together with the three officers of The United Lutheran Church, shall be the first trustees of the corporation. One of these trustees must reside in the State of New York.

(*d*). Election of permanent officers.

(*e*). Election of twelve trustees, who, together with the officers, will also constitute the Executive Board. (See Constitution, Article XI, Section 1.)

(*f*). The execution by the officers of the necessary papers applying for incorporation.

(*g*). The adoption of Constitution and By-Laws, which must be adopted as a whole and by a two-thirds vote.

(*h*). The ratification of the election of officers.

(*i*). The election of boards, commissions and committees, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the body.

More detailed information will be furnished in the Report of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to be made to The United Lutheran Church.

C. CONTINUATION AND ACTION OF THE GENERAL BODIES AFTER THE MERGER

The legal counsel of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means advises that in order to safeguard all property rights, and properly carry into effect the actual merging of all the interests and activities of the three general bodies, it will be necessary for them to continue their corporate existence at least for a limited time.

The Joint Committee therefore recommends:

1. That after the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America the three general bodies uniting in said organization shall hold their biennial conventions at the same place as, and immediately preceding, the regular conventions of The United Lutheran Church. At such meetings they shall elect officers and boards for the ensuing biennium and shall transact such other legal business as may be necessary, as provided for in Resolutions 2 and 3 of Section 8, and all of Section 9 on page 6 of this report.

2. That the following provisions for simultaneous sessions of the several general bodies after the organization of The United Lutheran Church be observed, unless the action called for in the following paragraphs shall have been taken previously:

(1). That each of the general bodies shall meet as soon as possible after the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America, and, subject to the legal requirements, shall order all of its boards, commissions and committees, and other agencies, to meet and transfer their cash, their accounts and the management of the work committed to them severally, to the corresponding boards, commissions and committees, etc., of The United Lutheran Church, and shall take proper receipts for the same; provided, that the boards, commissions, committees, etc., of all the general bodies make a like transfer.

(2). That, subject to legal requirements, each of the three general bodies shall order its treasurer to transfer any cash that may be in his hands, after providing for all debts and obligations, together with a statement of the assets of said general body, to the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church, and shall take his receipt for the same; provided, that the treasurers of all the general bodies make a like transfer; and provided, also, that The United Lutheran Church shall undertake to discharge all obligations that may be incurred by any one of the general bodies in the completion of the merger.

(3). That the Secretary of each general body be instructed to furnish a correct record of the proceedings of the body to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church to be published with its Minutes.

(4). That a copy of such record of each general body be furnished also to the Secretaries of each of the other two general bodies to be printed and distributed with their Minutes.

(5). That when the several boards, commissions, committees and other agencies of the several general bodies shall report to their respective bodies that the duties provided for under item 1, above, have been performed, such general body shall instruct its boards, commissions, committees, etc., to continue to act as receiving agents, and to transmit such funds as may come into their hands for the use of The United Lutheran Church, to the corresponding board, commission, committee, or other agency of the said United Lutheran Church, and to hold subject to the order of their own general body all funds designated for its uses.

6. That when the treasurer of each general body shall report the duty assigned to him, under item 2 above, performed, he shall likewise be continued in office as a receiving agent, whose duty it shall be to transmit to the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church such funds as he may receive for its use, and to hold subject to the order of his own general body all funds which he may receive designated for its uses.

7. That each general body shall instruct its pastors and through them the treasurers of all its congregations, and all its people, to whom the funds should be sent for the several causes and activities of The United Lutheran Church, and its President shall see that such instructions are published also in the church paper, or papers.

8. That each general body shall appoint the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church to act as its treasurer, also to receive and disburse all monies intended for the use of The United Lutheran Church under the authority and direction of the said The United Lutheran Church.

9. Likewise, that each general body shall appoint and constitute the boards, commissions, committees, and other agencies, of The United Lutheran Church to be also its boards, commissions, committees and agencies, to administer its work as represented in and by these several boards, commissions, committees and other agencies of The United Lutheran Church, and under the authority and direction of the said The United Lutheran Church.

10. That after the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America, the several general bodies shall meet only to transact such business as may be necessary in order to safeguard their property rights and other interests, and to prepare for the merging of themselves completely in The United Lutheran Church in America.

11. That each of the three general bodies shall take action committing the completion of the work of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, and providing also for the discharge of its own Committee on Ways and Means.

12. That, having completed the above program of business, the several general bodies shall adjourn to meet at such time as may be designated by each of them.

Your committee advises that these recommendations be approved and complied with.

D. FURTHER INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF A MORE GENERAL CHARACTER

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means, at its several sessions, took the following action:

1. With respect to the certification of delegates to the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America:

The Secretaries of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South shall present to the Secretary *pro tem* of The United Lutheran Church the credentials presented to the last conventions of each of the first named three bodies by the duly enrolled delegates thereto and such credentials shall be received and accepted as the credentials of the persons named therein as delegates from their respective district synods to the convention of The United Lutheran Church, provided that, thereafter, any necessary changes or corrections in the list of enrolled delegates to the convention of The United Lutheran Church may be made when directed by a vote of those enrolled as aforesaid, and the Committee on Program shall arrange for expression on the part of the delegation from each district synod of its assent thereto.

Your committee recommends that the Secretary of this body be directed to carry out these instructions.

2. With respect to the personnel of the several synodical delegations to the first convention of The United Lutheran Church:

(1). The individuals certified to the Secretary *pro tem* by the respective Secretaries of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South as the accredited and accepted delegates of component Synods, participating in the last preceding regular convention of their respective general bodies, shall, without regard to the basis of representation which will obtain after the first convention, be the true and lawful delegates to, and for the transaction of the business of, The First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

(2). The personnel of the delegations of component Synods, participating in the last preceding regular conventions of the three respective general bodies now merging, shall not be disturbed nor altered by such component Synods, or any officers or committees of such component Synods, but only by vote of the enrolled members of such delegation present at a meeting, called by the acting chairman of the same, prior to the opening of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America to effect "necessary changes and corrections".

(3). Subject to paragraph "4", the determination of "necessary changes and corrections" in the personnel of accredited synodical delegations acting in the last preceding regular convention of any of the general bodies now merging shall be predicated upon the following circumstances:

(*a*). Vacancies caused by death.

(*b*). Vacancies caused by unavoidable absence.

(*c*). Vacancies caused by the removal of a recognized delegate participating in the last preceding regular convention of his general body, from a parish, a pastorate, or an institutional incumbency in one local or district synod into a parish, a pastorate, or institutional incumbency of another local or district synod, even though connected with the same general body.

(*d*). Vacancies caused by unexcused absence from the meeting of the synodical delegation called and held for the effecting of "necessary changes and corrections" in the delegation.

(4). In voting the "necessary changes and corrections" and in the choice of individuals to fill existing vacancies in their delegation, each synodical delegation shall determine its own procedure, in accordance with the Constitution of its own Synod.

(5). When a synodical delegation has voted the necessary changes and corrections in its personnel, the corrected list of names of delegates shall be certified by the chairman of said delegation to the Secretary of its respective general body, and the names of the individuals so certified shall be certified, as above provided, to the Secretary *pro tem* of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, as the regularly accredited delegates of that general body to the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

(6). No credentials additional to those presented to the Secretary *pro tem* by the Secretaries of the general bodies merging, will be received or considered on the floor of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Your committee recommends that these suggestions be approved and referred to our several synodical delegations for their guidance in filling vacancies.

3. With reference to paying the expenses of delegates.

The Joint Committee found, on inquiry, that the practice in the three general bodies in this matter has not been the same. With a view to reaching as great uniformity as is practicable, at the first convention of The United Lutheran Church, it took the following action:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means that the several general bodies should provide for the expenses of their delegates to the first meeting of The United Lutheran Church in America, the method of making such provision to be determined for itself by each general body.

Your committee would recommend that this judgment of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means be approved by this body and that the Executive Committee be instructed to take the matter under consideration and to recommend such action as it may deem best.

4. With reference to nominations for the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church:

Inasmuch as it will be necessary to elect the first Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church before the body can be incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means has requested that the Executive Committees of the three general bodies nominate six ministers and six laymen who, in addition to the three officers, will make the required number of fifteen. (See the Constitution, Article XI, Section 1.)

These nominations are to be made on the following basis: two ministers and three laymen are to be nominated by the Executive Committee of the General Synod, three ministers and two laymen by the Executive Committee of the General Council, and one minister and one layman by the Executive Committee of the United Synod in the South. It will be necessary also to designate the term of office of each person nominated so that two ministers and two laymen may be elected for two years, two ministers and two laymen for four years, and two ministers and two laymen for six years. (See Constitution, Article XI, Section 2.)

Your committee recommends that this request of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means be complied with, and that the Executive Committee of this body be directed to make the required nominations and, in conference with the Executive Committees of the other two general bodies, to arrange as to the term of office of each person nominated.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

(13B)

In reference to the acts proposed in the report, your committee recommends the adoption of the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the delegates of the United Synod shall, on Thursday, November 14th, 1918, at 3:30 P. M., in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, at the northwest corner of Sixty-fifth Street and Central Park West, in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, join the delegates of the General Synod and the delegates of the General Council, and then and there the said delegates of the said three bodies shall together, as the delegates of the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Resolved, That if similar action is taken by the General Synod and the General Council, (1) the United Synod shall promptly, to the fullest extent requested from time to time by a duly authorized committee appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America, (*a*) unite with the General Synod and the General Council in continuing its activities in and through The United Lutheran Church in America, (*b*) convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (the United Synod's) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America, except such properties, rights and trusts as are not within the purview of the basis of the merger, and (*c*) cause all its (the United Synod's) boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to, The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America; and (2) the United Synod shall henceforth act separately only in such matters and to such an extent as the said committee will permit.

Resolved, That if similar action is taken by the General Synod and the General Council, (1) the United Synod shall, whenever and as often as requested by the said committee appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America, do all such things and take all such action as the said committee will request from time to time for the purpose of (*a*) carrying the last preceding Resolution into effect, and (*b*) facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally merging the United Synod and any or all of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies.

Resolved, That henceforth all regular and special conventions of the United Synod shall be called and held only at such times and places as the said committee will designate.

Resolved, That the officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives of the United Synod and its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies, are hereby authorized and directed to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce the three last preceding Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he is, hereby instructed (*a*) to send to the Presidents of the District Synods the following intended alteration of that part of Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution which reads: 'one Minister and one Lay-Delegate for every one thousand communicants or fraction thereof', to wit, 'one ordained minister and one layman for every ten pastoral charges, or major fraction thereof, in each Synod; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate; and these delegates and those elected to The United Lutheran Church in America shall be identical'; and (*b*) to request that the said Presidents submit said alteration to their respective Synods for

decision and thereupon report such decision to the Secretary, as speedily as possible.

If possible, the foregoing Resolutions should be adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

(13C)

PREAMBLES AND RESOLUTION

To be adopted by each of the three general bodies, the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, respectively, at their respective conventions to be held in New York City next week.

Whereas, The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, are about to merge all and singular and every their and each of their spiritual and material interests, rights and property of any and every kind, in a new corporate body about to be organized, to be called The United Lutheran Church in America, and in due time thereafter it is intended they shall severally and separately cease to exist and become legally dissolved; and

Whereas, Said merger of said respective bodies into the larger united body will carry with it as a necessary consequence the merger of their respective boards, including their respective Boards of Publication. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, in due and legal convention assembled, that the Publication Board thereof, to wit., The Lutheran Board of Publication, be and the same is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to join with the respective Boards of Publication of the other two general bodies above named, in simultaneously merging all and singular and every their respective interests of every kind in a new Board of Publication, to be duly incorporated by direction and under the authority of said The United Lutheran Church in America, in accordance with the draft of Charter and By-Laws adopted for the said new Board of Publication by the Boards of Publication of the said three general bodies above named, and approved by the Ways and Means Committee, acting for and on behalf of said The United Lutheran Church in America, the said new Publication Board to be called The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America; and after the due incorporation and organization of said The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, and the same being ready to do business, simultaneously with the other two Boards of Publication above referred to, in due and legal manner, to convey, transfer, assign and deliver all and singular its property of every kind, real and personal, business, good-will, assets, and resources, but subject to its liabilities, contracts, engagements and obligations, unto said The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, its successors and assigns absolutely.

It was voted that when we adjourn at Roanoke we adjourn to meet in the Church of the Advent, New York, on Thursday, Nov. 14, 1918, at 11:30 o'clock.

The Hon. C. M. Efird presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary do, and they are hereby authorized and directed, whenever the trustees of the District Synods are ready to receive the same, transfer and deliver to the trustees of the Seminary named in the deed executed by this Synod this day, all of the property, rights, trusts and funds in their possession belonging to or connected with the Seminary and its control and management, and that the Treasurer of this body, who is now entrusted with the endowment of the institution, do turn over the same in whatsoever form it may be to the Treasurer of said Board of Trustees.

Resolved, Further, that the Rev. J. F. Crigler, as convener, be and he is hereby authorized to call a meeting of the trustees named in such deed at such time and place as he deems most expedient for the purpose of organization.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Lowman Home do and they are hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the trustees of the Lowman Home named in a deed executed by this Synod this day to the trustees of the various District Synods, the possession, control, management, funds, rights, trusts and all things relating thereto, whenever they are ready to receive the same.

Resolved, Further, that the Rev. G. W. McClanahan, as convener, be and he is hereby authorized to call a meeting of said trustees at such time and place as he deems expedient for organization.

On motion the General Secretaries of our Boards, the Revs. C. L. Brown, D.D., and A. D. R. Hancher, Prof. J. T. Crabtree, Supt. of the Orphan Home, and the Revs. J. D. Utt, J. B. Haigler, Charles K. Hunton, Ph.D., were received as advisory members.

Synod adjourned at 12 o'clock, with prayer by the Rev. C. A. Brown, to reassemble at 3 P. M.

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FOURTH SESSION

TUESDAY, NOV. 12, 1918, 3 P. M.

The Synod was called to order by the President. It was moved by Dr. L. A. Fox and voted that this evening at 8 o'clock the Synod unite with the congregation of this church in a service of thanksgiving to God for the great blessing of the restoration of peace. The officers of

Synod and the pastor *loci* were appointed a committee to arrange for the service. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. F. Crigler and the Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., and addresses were made by the Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., and the Hon. J. D. Cappelmann.

The Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, Treasurer of Synod, presented his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report

(Treasurer's Account from Nov. 4th, 1916, to Dec. 13th, 1917, as shown by book turned over by Treasurer J. E. Cooper on retiring.)

1916			
Nov. 4.	Balance (Minutes of 1916, p. 21)	$28.70	
Dec. 9.	Virginia Synod	130.42	
1917			
Feb. 17.	Interest F. P. Cover Fund for 6 months	300.00	
Apr. 4.	North Carolina Synod	215.66	
Apr. 10.	Georgia Synod	38.36	
May 7.	Holston Synod	20.00	
June 14.	Tennessee Synod	224.91	
Aug. 4.	Interest on Swygert Fund	160.00	
Aug. 18.	Interest on F. P. Cover Fund	300.00	
Sept. 1.	Southwest Virginia Synod	69.13	
Sept. 5.	Virginia Synod	130.42	
Sept. 10.	Holston Synod	15.68	
Oct. 14.	Georgia Synod	38.36	
Sept. 14.	Interest on A. W. McNeely bond of Cover Fund to Oct. 1st, 1917	2.25	
			$1,673.89

1916			
Nov. 11.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, stationery	$3.50	
	Lutheran Board of Publication	11.00	
Dec. 9.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, salary, Secretary	50.00	
	Rev. Geo. H. Cox, salary, Statistical Sec.	20.00	
1917			
Feb. 17.	Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., 9/10 of $300. (F. P. Cover)	270.00	
	Rev. J. A. Huffard, 1/10 F. P. Cover Int.	30.00	
Mar. 22.	Rev. W. L. Hunton, exp. Com. on S. S. Literature	67.50	
Apr. 2.	Lutheran Board of Pub., on bill Minutes	220.00	
May 7.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses United Cent. Com.	33.50	
	Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses United Cent. Com.	24.26	
June 14.	Luth. Board of Pub., on bill printing Minutes	227.91	
Aug. 17.	Carl D. Caughman, Int. on Mrs. Swygert Fund	160.00	

Aug. 18.	Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., 9/10 of $300.00 (F. P. Cover Fund)		270.00	
	Rev. J. A. Huffard, 1/10 F. P. Cover Int.		30.00	
Sept. 4.	Luth. Board of Pub., on bill Minutes		190.00	
Sept. 10.	Luth. Board of Pub., bal. bill Minutes		25.00	
Sept. 14.	L. F. Cooper—			
	Interest on $500.00 from July 26, 1916, to Nov. 2, 1916, 99 days...	$8.13		
	Interest on $350.00 from Nov. 2, 1916, to July 26, 1917, 266 days.	15.33	23.46	
			$1,656.13	
Dec. 13.	President M. G. G. Scherer, to close up		17.76	
				$1,673.89

(Report of John D. Cappelmann as Treasurer of Synod)

RECEIPTS

1918			
Jan. 11.	From J. E. Cooper, Treas., balance as per acct.		$17.76
Mar. 5.	From J. E. Cooper		297.75
	From A. B. Greiner, S. W. Virginia Synod		15.67
Mar. 15.	From First Lutheran Church, Lexington, N. C.		5.00
Mar. 21.	From C. D. Kellenberger, Treas., First Lutheran Church, Greensboro, N. C.		4.95
Mar. 31.	Interest on deposit S. C. Loan & Trust Co.		.17
Apr. 3.	From F. M. Hulvey, on Augusta County Bank.		7.03
	From Charlotte Commercial Bank (Cover Fund)		302.10
Apr. 4.	From A. B. Greiner, S. W. Virginia Synod on First National Bank, Rural Retreat, Va.—		
	Synodical Expenses	$28.18	
	Merger Fund	18.45	46.63
Apr. 8.	From A. M. Baughman, Mt. Moriah Com.		2.30
Apr. 13.	From Geo. Raediger, Augsburg Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.		6.05
May 13.	From H. F. Cooper, Treas. Woman's Memorial, High Point, N. C., part of Merger		4.50
	From W. M. Snyder, Treas., St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C.		22.50
May 15.	From Jas. D. Heilig, Treas., Salisbury, N. C.		47.70
June 14.	From J. D. Heilig		7.50
June 29.	From Henry E. Dreeson, Georgia Synod		31.95
	Interest		3.05
July 1.	From Geo. H. Rhodes, S. W. Virginia Synod.		46.90
July 12.	From Henry E. Dreeson, Georgia Synod		195.50
July 13.	From N. I. Kagey, Virginia Synod		16.00
July 24.	From W. A. Counts, S. C. Synod, proportionate part of shares from 1918 to date		680.00
Aug. 10.	From A. B. Greiner (S. W. Va.) Synodical Expenses—		
	United Synod	$58.16	
	Merger Fund	60.66	118.82

Aug. 14.	From A. B. Greiner on First National Bank of Rural Retreat, Va. (S. W. Va.)		6.10
	From N. I. Kagey on Weyer's Cave Bank, (Va.)		110.90
Aug. 19.	From Southern Real Estate Loan & Trust Co., interest on loans from Cover Fund		291.00
Aug. 21.	From A. B. Greiner, Tr. S. W. Va. Synod, per Geo. H. Rhodes, on Merger Fund		9.45
Sept. 30.	Interest		3.59
Oct. 3.	W. A. Counts, S. C. Synod—		
	Check No. 888	$62.86	
	Check No. 889	150.36	
	Check No. 890	157.50	
			370.72
Oct. 11.	From E. L. Tennessee Synod		74.36
Oct. 30.	From H. L. Parr on Exchange Bank of Newberry, S. C., Interest on note		181.80
Nov. 2.	From Jas. D. Heilig, North Carolina Synod		440.95
Nov. 6.	From J. M. Kinser, Holston Synod		89.20
Nov. 9.	From G. D. Brown, Treas., Southwest Va. Synod		29.30
Nov. 11.	From Draft of E. J. Sox, Treas. of Tenn. Synod, to meet balance due Synod		919.08
			$4,406.28

PAYMENTS

1918			
Mar. 15.	Exchange paid on checks deposited this day		$0.46
Mar. 18.	Paid A. R. Beck for postage on circulars		1.89
	Paid C. A. Brown for postage on circulars		1.44
	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, postage on circulars		1.05
	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, 1/10 Cover Fund Int.		29.77
	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Lutheran Orphan Home, 9/10 of Cover Fund Interest		267.98
Apr. 27.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, services as Sec		28.50
May 18.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D.		40.06
	Paid Rev. W. C. F. Hoppe, meeting Phila.		32.50
	Paid Lutheran Board of Publication		10.00
	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., meeting Phila.		37.45
	Paid Rev. C. K. Bell, meeting Phila.		22.82
July 5.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.		35.00
July 12.	Paid Rev. W. H. Greever		35.00
July 27.	Paid Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, share of Minutes		1.90
	Paid Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., legal expense		27.00
Sept. 6.	Paid Lutheran Board of Publication		83.43
Sept. 12.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.—		
	Baltimore	$36.35	
	Atlantic City	45.60	
			82.16
	Paid Dr. C. O. Miller, balance expenses, he donating $50.00 Interest		50.00
	Paid Rev. J. A. Morehead		93.00
	Paid Rev. A. R. Beck, Baltimore		96.01
	Paid Rev. I. D. Worman, $17.13, $11.36		28.49

	Paid Rev. C. A. Freed	46.22	
	Paid J. D. Cappelmann for postage	2.00	
Oct. 10.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., expenses to Phila., Oct. 3-4	50.93	
Oct. 14.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, Salem, Va.	269.19	
	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, share interest Cover Fund	29.91	
Oct. 15.	Paid Rev. Frank F. Fry, expenses Chairman Com. on Legal Relations	7.46	
	Paid Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, expenses Chairman Sub-Committee on Parallel Boards	8.19	
	Paid Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses Joint Committee on Ways and Means	35.50	
	Exchange on checks	4.38	
	For postage	2.25	
Nov. 2.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Ways and Means Committee, Baltimore, Oct. 22	41.16	
	Paid Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses Ways and Means Committee, Baltimore, Oct. 22	26.51	
	Paid Rev. A. R. Beck, expenses Ways and Means Committee, Baltimore, Oct. 22	25.50	
	Paid Stenographer for copying papers	5.00	
	Postage	2.25	
Nov. 6.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Stationery, postage, etc.	5.00	
	Paid W. A. Counts, Treas. South Carolina Synod, refund over-payment	203.67	
Nov. 12.	Refund to Rev. C. A. Freed, telegram at Synod and expenses Ways and Means Committee, Atlantic City, July, 1918	48.67	
			$1,819.70
	Total balance on hand		$2,586.58

N. B.—Cover and Swygert Funds remain invested as reported by Treasurer Cooper, (see Minutes 15th Convention, page 22) except that of $300.00 of the Cover Fund, is on deposit at 4% interest in the South Carolina Loan and Trust Co., at Charleston, S. C., as a part of the balance reported on deposit there at 4% interest quarterly. Such deposit embracing all the money on hand excepting the $919.08 Tennessee Synod draft placed for deposit with the First National Bank of Roanoke, Virginia.

Out of the balance on hand must be paid the principal of the Cover Fund, $300.00; income of Swygert Fund unexpended, $181.80; overpaid by Georgia Synod, if called for, $35.65; overpaid by South Carolina Synod, if called for, $477.33; which would leave the South Carolina Synod owing the United Synod, $576.33. The total of the above five items amount to $994.78, deducted from the above balance of $2,586.58, would leave $1,591.80 immediately available for Synod's purposes.

This leaves S. W. Va. Synod, $153.00; Va. Synod, $199.80; Miss. Synod, $55.58; total outstanding, $408.38.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. D. CAPPELMANN, *Treasurer.*

The Rev. Dr. Morehead, President of Roanoke College, invited the Synod to visit the College in Salem to-morrow, and Supt. Crabtree extended an invitation to visit the Orphan Home. On motion a Committee, consisting of the Revs. Dr. H. A. McCullough and J. F. Crigler, and Mr. J. D. Heilig, was appointed to consider the invitation and report to Synod. The Committee reported at this session as follows:

Your committee appointed to submit an answer to the kind invitation of Dr. J. A. Morehead and Supt. J. T. Crabtree for the United Synod to visit in a body Roanoke College and our Orphan Home would report that, owing to the press of business, Synod must, with sincere appreciation and regrets, decline the invitations.

W. T. Stauffer, Esq., by request of the Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., presented the report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which was adopted.

Report on the Laymen's Missionary Movement

The work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement has been carried on along the usual lines during the past biennium, except that since February, 1918, the General Secretary has given the greater part of his time to work under the International Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, having accepted a call to that work. His relationship, however, to the Lutheran Movement has continued to the present time and some service has been rendered our Church directly during the past months.

Acting under the authority of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the United Synod, literature was prepared and sent out to the whole Church calling for a thank-offering of one day's income to be applied to the home and foreign mission work equally. The campaign resulted in contributions amounting to a little more than $7,000 above all campaign expenses. Many of the churches responded heartily and generously and gave in such a way that the campaign was a real blessing to them. We believe that aside from the money received the educational benefit was well worth while.

The Fourth Biennial Laymen's Convention, which was to have been held in Augusta, Georgia, was not held on account of the congested conditions resulting from the encampment near that city. The city of Salisbury, where our first convention was held, heartily invited us to hold the convention there, but on account of the generally disturbed conditions of the country and the congestion of travel the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement decided that it would be unwise to attempt at that time the holding of a great convention.

Since the beginning of the Laymen's Missionary Movement systematic giving through the duplex envelope system has been introduced in perhaps 85% of the congregations of the United Synod in the South and contributions for all causes have advanced more than 100%. The sincere expressions of appreciation on the part of many pastors have been a constant encouragement to the Executive Committee to continue the work through these years. The Synod's appreciation is due the men and women who have for ten years made this work possible by means of their contributions.

Members of the Executive Committee are glad to have had this opportunity of serving the Church in a large way. It is now left with The United Lutheran Church of America to determine the place of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in its future operations.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. CRONK, *General Secretary.*

The Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., the Synod's commissioner on Federation, submitted the following report, which, with its recommendation, was adopted:

Report of the Commission on Federation

It becomes the pleasing duty of the Commission on Federation to report one important development in the direction of federation within the Lutheran Church in this country, the formation of the National Lutheran Council.

A brief narrative of the events resulting in the formation of this organization and of the connection of your committee with it will suitably precede the recommendations which shall be offered in regard to it.

The suggestion emanated from the National Lutheran Commission. At a meeting of representatives of various Lutheran bodies (most of them Presidents, our honored President among them) at Harrisburg, Pa., on July 17, 1918, a committee was appointed "to formulate plans for the creation of a national council of the Lutheran Church and given power to call a meeting for the consideration of the plan". The President of this body was made a member of this committee. In pursuance of this action a meeting was held at Pittsburgh on August 1. Our President was not able to attend, but there were present representatives of the following bodies: Norwegian Lutheran Church, Iowa Synod, Joint Synod of Ohio, General Council, General Synod, Augustana Synod and the National Lutheran Commission. A plan for a national council was discussed and projected and a meeting appointed of representatives of such bodies as were willing to participate to be held in Chicago on September 6, for the purpose of organizing such a council.

It was the judgment of the President of the United Synod that this was

proper business for our Commission on Federation. Accordingly he requested its chairman to attend the meeting in Chicago, and when it was found that he could not go, to address a letter expressing the interest of the United Synod in what was proposed. Thereupon the chairman of the Commission addressed to the Rev. L. Larsen, Secretary, a letter with the request that it be presented at the meeting in Chicago with regrets that no representatives from the United Synod were able to attend in person. This letter contained a statement of what was believed to be the attitude of the United Synod towards the proposed National Lutheran Council, which statement was approved by the President of the United Synod and is inserted here:

On behalf of the United Synod, in the light of its repeated resolutions, I venture to say that it will welcome any federation of Lutheran bodies upon a proper basis, and I am confident that it will ratify the action that may be taken at the meeting in Chicago, if it is in harmony with the propositions discussed at Pittsburgh and the action there taken.

I think the President of the United Synod is correct when he writes to me: "No man would have authority to enroll the United Synod as a member of such organization." Report would first have to be made to the body. However, I am desirous of seeing the United Synod represented in the proposed Lutheran Federal Council as far as this is possible under present conditions, and I beg to assure the representatives assembled in Chicago that, if I am supplied with a copy of the action taken by them, I will report it to the next convention of the United Synod with my heartiest recommendation for its favorable consideration.

The desired copy of the action of the meeting in Chicago on September 6 was kindly sent to our Commission by the Secretary in the form of a copy of the minutes of the transactions. We think it is sufficient to report here only the most essential items. There were present representatives from the General Synod, General Council, Joint Synod of Ohio, Synod of Iowa and Other States, Augustana Synod, Norwegian Lutheran Church, Danish Lutheran Church and the National Lutheran Commission. A National Lutheran Council was organized by the adoption of Regulations and the election of officers. In the Regulations the purposes are stated in the following terms:

The purposes of its institution are, to promote, as far as possible,

(1) True and uniform statistical information concerning the Lutheran Church in America.

(2) Publicity in all matters that require common utterance by the Lutheran Church.

(3) Representation of our Church in its relation to entities outside of itself, without prejudice to the confessional basis of any participating body, as well as bringing home to the Church a consciousness of general and specific needs for attention and action.

(4) Activities dealing with, or the creation of agencies to deal with, the problems arising out of war and other emergencies where no common

Lutheran agencies now exist; and, to co-ordinate, and unify the activities of existing agencies.

(5) The co-ordination of activities and agencies of the Lutheran Church in America for the solution of problems arising from social, economic, intellectual or other conditions or changes affecting religious life and consciousness.

(6) The fostering of true Christian loyalty and the maintenance of a righteous relation between Church and State as separate entities with correlated yet distinctly defined functions.

The article on membership contains the following definition:

The membership shall consist of representatives from every General Lutheran Body or Synod that may co-operate in the execution of its program. Each body shall be entitled to one representative for every one hundred thousand confirmed members or one-third fraction thereof, provided, however, that every participating body shall be entitled to at least one representative.

In regard to powers the statement is this:

The powers of this Council shall be vested in itself in meeting assembled, but all its actions shall be subject to immediate report to the general bodies participating, or to their Executive Officers.

Officers were elected as follows: H. G. Stub, D.D., President; Mr. John L. Zimmerman, Vice-President; Rev. L. Larsen, Secretary. An Executive Committee, consisting of the officers and four other members, was elected.

In reference to this important development resulting in the formation of the National Lutheran Council your Commission recommends:

1. That the action of its chairman and the statement in his letter to the Secretary, Rev. L. Larsen, as incorporated in this report, be approved.

2. That the United Synod expresses its hearty endorsement of the National Lutheran Council and declares its desire to participate in it.

3. That, in view of the imminent dissolution of the United Synod for the purpose of entering into The United Lutheran Church, it will not be possible to realize its connection with the National Lutheran Council except as a part of the new body into which it is about to merge.

4. That the United Synod instructs its delegates to the merger convention in New York to vote for the approval of the National Lutheran Council by The United Lutheran Church.

A. G. Voigt.

The President read to the Synod the following telegram from the Rev. Dr. Tressler:

Greetings to the United Synod from Ways and Means Committee. Everything moving satisfactorily in preparation for United Lutheran Church.

It was moved and voted that the President reply to this telegram and send a message of greeting to the President of the General Synod and of the General Council.

The Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Church Art and Architecture. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Church Art and Architecture

Your committee would respectfully report:

1. That the plan already announced to this body is still before us and we earnestly hope for its realization, viz.: the preparation, publication and distribution of a series of articles on the history and principles of Church Art and the types of Church Architecture that best express the Lutheran conception of the Gospel.

2. That there is now available in a limited way much choice material on these subjects in the Memoirs of the Lutheran Liturgical Association, Vols. I-VIII, Pittsburgh, 1910, copies of which are to be found in the libraries of our Seminaries and in the hands of the officers of the Association, viz.: Rev. Luther D. Reed, D.D., President; Rev. R. Morris Smith, D.D., Secretary; Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., Archivist.

We recommend:

1. That mission congregations be invited to confer with the committee regarding plans and specifications for building, furnishing and decorating their churches; and also,

2. That The United Lutheran Church in America be requested to give prompt attention to this feature of our church life, and that it be entrusted to a special committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. GONGAWARE,
JOHN C. SEEGERS,
CHARLES K. HUNTON.

The Joint Committee on Common Sunday School Literature reported through the Rev. Dr. W. Hoppe, Chairman of the Committee of the United Synod. The report was received and considered by items. By separate motion and action the several items marked a, b,

c, d, e, were approved and recommended to The United Lutheran Church. The report was adopted as a whole.

Report for the Joint Committee on Common Sunday School Literature

It has not been possible to make much progress during the past year in the work of preparing common Sunday School Literature, due primarily to the many duties and responsibilities incident to the celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation and to the preparation for the merging of the three Lutheran bodies. These matters so occupied the attention and energy of those charged with the preparation of the common Sunday School Literature that it seemed not possible to get time for work or meetings. It also seemed more or less desirable that the actual constructive work should be taken charge of by the merged body.

At a meeting of the Editorial Committee appointed by the Joint Committee and held in Baltimore, April 1, 1918, it was agreed and recommended to the Ways and Means Committee that,

1. The common Sunday School system be that of The United Lutheran Church and be under its control.

2. The United Lutheran Church appoint a Sunday School Work Committee of thirteen at the first convention in the fall of 1918. It is the sense of our committee that the nature and importance of the Sunday School work is such as to warrant this committee to be constituted a Board on Sunday School work.

3. This committee develop a plan for all Sunday School Literature, with due reference to joint work already accomplished, over which plan and work it shall have full initiative and editorial control, subject to the approval of The United Lutheran Church.

4. The system be inaugurated by the fall of 1921.

5. The appropriations for the work of the Sunday School Work Committee, the size and times for delivery of manuscripts, and other mechanical matters to be determined jointly by the Sunday School Work Committee and the Publication Board.

6. The Sunday School Work Committee have advisory oversight over the Sunday Schools with reference to methods of progress, to library books to be recommended, to general Sunday School conventions and Summer Schools and all festival programs. After consultation with the Common Service Book Committee it shall prepare hymnals for Sunday School use.

(*a*) We would further recommend that as Sunday School Work can suffer no interruption, when the old Publication Boards cease to publish Sunday School Literature, The United Lutheran Church request the new Publication Board to continue to publish both the General Council and

the General Synod series until the new Sunday School Board can prepare a new series.

(*b*) We also recommend that the Church direct that all books and permanent Sunday School Literature now in preparation on either side be carried through to completion by the new Board.

(*c*) We further recommend that the Sunday School Board have authority, in co-operation with the Publication Board, to publish such literature as is conducive to the work subject to the approval of the Sunday School Board and the Publication Board on matters of form, size, etc., of the publication.

(*d*) We would also recommend that the Sunday School Board when constituted have general supervision of all literature, books and publications for use in our schools and be authorized to originate and supervise the preparation of the same and to consider such other matters pertaining to this department of church work as shall be referred to it by The United Lutheran Church.

(*e*) We would further recommend that such sums as may be mutually agreed on by the Sunday School Board and the Publication Board, be appropriated to the Sunday School Board for the payment of its editorial expenses, editors, writers, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Hoppe,
H. A. McCullough,
J. W. Horine.

W. T. Stauffer, Esq., presented the following report, which was received and adopted. It was moved and voted that balance on hand be pro rated between the Theological Seminary and the Lowman Home.

Report of Treasurer of Committee for Presentation of the Matter of the Merger to the District Synods

RECEIPTS

Dec. 7, 1917.	Capt. Jacob Paulsen	$100.00	
Sept., 1918.	Lutheran Orphans' Home	14.00	
			$114.00

EXPENDITURES

Dec. 7, 1917.	Lutheran Board of Publication (Printing)	$12.00
Jan. 17, 1918.	J. A. Clutz (Copies of Constitution)	5.12
Sept. 28, 1918.	Lutheran Board of Publication (Telegrams)	1.20

Sept., 1918. Court Costs of Altering O. H. Charter.....	14.00	
Dec. 7, 1917. and 3 other dates. Expenses of representatives to District Synods and postage...	64.47	
		$97.79
Balance on hand.....		$17.21

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. STAUFFER.

It was voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to reassemble after the evening service.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and adopted as a whole. The nominees were elected.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

Your committee appointed to examine and recommend to Synod the items requiring action in the report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod, begs to submit the following:

1. That the Board of Foreign Missions be commended for the faithful and efficient manner in which it has conducted the trust committed to it during the period of a world war, and particularly for the progress shown in its report in an increase of 45% in income, in the addition of seventy-five (75) communicant members of our Church in Japan during 1917, two ordained native ministers, two additional women workers, the acquisition of additional property of the aggregate value of $11,000.00, and the payment of outstanding notes to the amount of $5,152.52.

2. That we approve the agreement concerning the General Council's part in, and management of, Kyushu Gakuin and of the evident intention of the Board of Foreign Missions to complete the Holland Memorial Fund.

3. That we approve of the action of the Board in granting an allowance to Rev. R. Yamanouchi, and that we hereby commend Pastor Yamanouchi for his faithful and consecrated work.

4. That we adopt recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the report.

5. We recommend for election to the Board of Foreign Missions the following: Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. Edward Fulenwider, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Mr. H. L. Bonham.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
J. LUTHER SIEBER,
J. L. MORGAN,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN,
B. B. MILLER,
W. T. STAUFFER,
B. E. PETREA.

The report of the Committee on Board of Lowman Home was presented and adopted.

Report of Committee on Board of Lowman Home

Your committee on the report of the Board of the Lowman Home would commend the efficient management of the affairs of the Home and call attention to the splendid financial statement contained in the report. With regard to the items concerning the equipment of the Home with new buildings and the raising of the necessary funds, concerning the broadening of the policy of the Home for the care of indigents of whatever religious affiliation, and concerning the change of the time for the rendering of the annual reports, we recommend that these matters be referred to the new board for its favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Hoppe,
H. A. McCullough,
A. R. Beck,
James D. Heilig,
C. W. Cassell.

The Hon. C. M. Efird offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, It is necessary to amend the Constitution of this body with reference to the ratio of the representation of the District Synods herein, in order to make the same conform to the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America approved by this body, by the District Synods; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Section 2, Article 4, of the Constitution of this body be stricken out and that the following be inserted instead thereof:

"2. These delegates shall be chosen in the following ratio: One ordained Minister and one Layman for every ten pastoral charges, or major fraction thereof on its roll; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and lay delegate." Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of this body do forthwith transmit to all the Presidents of the District Synods connected herewith a copy of the above preamble and resolution with the request that they submit the same to their respective Synods for decision and to report their action thereon to this body at its next convention.

The report of the Committee on the Board of Education was presented and adopted.

Report of Committee on Board of Education

The Board of Education submits a report full of information and showing close study of our educational development and possibilities.

The coming of the merger directed the energy to preparing the way for close relations between the Board and our institutions in The United Lutheran Church, rather than to the inauguration of special lines of activity. One educational conference was held which proved helpful to the interests of the colleges and another would have been provided but for war conditions.

Special mention should be made of the information gathered so completely by the Board concerning the Theological Seminary, colleges and academies, which presents to the Church a survey of the educational effort put forth by our Lutheran People in the South.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Freed,
W. C. Davis,
R. W. Kime,
I. E. Long,
T. J. Cooper.

On motion Synod adjourned and was dismissed with the benediction.

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FIFTH SESSION

Tuesday, November 12, 1918, 9:30 P. M.

After the thanksgiving service Synod was opened by the President.

Dr. M. M. Kinard presented the report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted.

Report of Executive Committee

We, your committee, would report as follows:

1. The Executive Committee authorized the Common Service Committee to get out a special edition of a Book of Worship for our Lutheran men in the Army and Navy.

2. The Committee authorized the Presidents of the District Synods to collect five cents per capita among their congregations to meet the expenses preparatory to the merger.

3. The Committee was charged with preparing the order of business of this convention. Same was done as per instruction given in 1916 at Wilmington, N. C.

4. The Executive Committee exercised its judgment in changing the date

of meeting of this body, owing to existing epidemic of influenza, and quarantine.

5. The Corporation of the Orphan Home was the only corporation or board submitting a report to the Executive Committee. It is a source of gratification to note the wonderful progress made by the tireless labors and services especially of the local friends of the Orphan Home. We commend their loyal devotion to the Home and urge the whole Southern Church to do likewise.

6. We ask the approval of the acts of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. Scherer,
J. A. Morehead,
M. M. Kinard,
C. M. Efird,
H. L. Bonham.

The Committee on Board of Home Missions presented its report, which was adopted. The nominees were elected.

Report of Committee on Home Mission Board

In reviewing the report of the Board of Home Missions your committee takes pleasure in commending the faithful and conscientious work done by the Board during the last biennium.

The enterprise of the Board in establishing new work and increasing the efficiency in the various missions is especially gratifying. This was made possible by the fact that the contributions to Home Missions have been notably increased. We note with pleasure the bequest of the sum of $1,000 under the will of the late Mrs. Maria Louise Patterson.

We are pleased to acknowledge the sum of $3,559.30, resulting from the One Day's Income for the Home Mission Fund.

On account of the increased cost of living we approve the acts of the Board in increasing the compensation of its missionaries.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial assistance given by the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare for the care of our Lutheran boys in the camps on our territory.

Your committee recommends that the following persons be elected to constitute the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. C. K. Bell, D.D., Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. J. F. Crigler, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn, John Kellenberger, and D. F. Efird.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. H. Rhodes,
J. L. Cromer,
E. W. Peery,
J. D. Cappelmann,
C. M. Efird.

The special Committee on Amended Charter of the Orphan Home reported through its chairman, the Hon. L. M. Swink. The report was received and considered and adopted by items. The report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

Report of Committee on Amended Charter of the Orphan Home

We, your committee to whom has been referred the amended charter of the Lutheran Orphanage, beg leave to report:

1. We have incidentally examined the report of the corporation made to this Synod as to the condition of the home and we desire to say that we are impressed with the progress of the institution as evidenced by this report.

2. We have carefully examined so much of this report as contains the amendments to the original charter and are of opinion that these amendments admirably carry the scheme of transfer as indicated by the resolution of this Synod, except as hereinafter stated:

(*a*) The original charter providing in section H (3) "The period of membership in the corporation shall be five years, etc.", and the amendment provides, "the said corporation shall be composed of not more than twenty-five members, each of whom shall be a member of the corporation no longer than he is a regular member of some Lutheran Church co-operating with and within the territory limits of the Synod from which he may have been selected, in accordance with H (3) of this Charter as hereinafter fixed."

We are of the opinion that this provision makes the member a member for life, or so long as he is a regular member of the Lutheran Church and within the territory limits of the Synod from which he may be selected, and we respectfully recommend that the members of this corporation be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to have this section amended so as to read: "The said corporation shall be composed of not more than twenty-five members, each of whom shall be a member of the corporation no longer than he is a regular member of some Lutheran Church co-operating with and within the territory limits of the District Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The period of membership in the corporation shall be five years."

(*b*) The original charter provided in section H (3) "that vacancies occurring in the membership of the corporation shall be filled by the other members electing successors from persons named by this Synod," whereas the amendment to this section provides: "Vacancies occurring in the membership of the corporation shall be filled by themselves by making such nominations to the District Synods respectively, from which the vacancies may occur, but if such District Synods shall fail to act at its next synodical meeting, then such nominees respectively shall become members of the corporation."

We recommend that the members of this corporation be and they are hereby respectfully requested to have this section amended so as to read: "That section H (3) be amended and altered to read as follows—vacancies occurring in the membership of the corporation in the membership of a District Synod shall be filled by the election of such persons as such District Synods shall elect to fill such vacancies and such vacancy shall continue until such defaulting Synod elect a member or members for such vacancy or renounces its right to so elect."

3. The original charter provided in section H (4) "the members of the corporation in meeting may remove any trustee or other officer elected or appointed by them respectively, or by the Board of Trustees, and fill the vacancy caused by such removal, etc.", and the amendment provides: "the members of the corporation in meeting may remove any member of the corporation, any trustee or other officer, elected or appointed by them, respectively, or by the Board of Trustees, and may fill the vacancy caused by such removal in conformity with section H (3)."

We are of opinion that this amendment is hardly in keeping with the spirit of the resolutions heretofore passed by this Synod and would lead to confusion between the Board of Trustees and the members, as well as the Synods, and we would respectfully suggest that the members of the corporation be requested to have this amendment to section H (4) stricken out and permit section H (4) of the original charter to remain therein.

4. We desire further to say that we are convinced that the amendments to section H (3) and the amended and altered section H (4) were framed solely for the laudable purpose of obtaining a membership of the corporation so situate as to be near its location in order to give attention to the business of the institution, but in our judgment this can be better handled by the appointment from the body of the trustees, a competent executive committee with authority to act for the Board, when necessary, with its acts to be reported to and approved by the Board when same is in session.

5. We recommend that an itemized report from the corporation be required to be made to the various Synods, at their respective meetings, showing in detail the contributions received from the territory of such Synod, together with a statement, or an estimate in the form of a budget of the amount required from such Synod for the support and maintenance of the institution, and that such reports and such budgets be made in a form that can be printed in the minutes of such Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis M. Swink,
B. B. Miller,
C. M. Efird.

Dr. M. M. Kinard reported for the Committee on Letters and

Petitions. The report was received and considered by items. Item one was adopted as amended. Items two, three and four were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Committee on Letters and Petitions

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, would report as follows:

1. Is a letter from the Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Secretary of the United Synod, dated Nov. 5, 1918, submitting his resignation as Secretary of this body. Inasmuch as the resignation has been accepted already, we hereby express our sincere appreciation of the valuable and painstaking services of Dr. Hallman as our efficient Secretary for the past twenty years and regret that he could not be with us at this final convention.

2. Is a letter from the Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., stating that certain amounts are due on printing of matter touching merger literature and that the proportionate amount due from the United Synod is $11.88. We recommend that this amount be paid by the Treasurer of this Synod.

3. Is a letter from the Rev. A. Steimle, D.D., pastor of the Church of the Advent, New York City, offering his church and proposing to make all necessary arrangements for the sessions of the United Synod that may be held by this body. Since the President of the United Synod has very thoughtfully arranged this matter in advance, as shortness of time demanded it, we recommend that said action be endorsed and the appreciation of the Synod is hereby expressed.

4. Is a collection of letters and papers bearing on the Lutheran Brotherhood of America. Since this matter will probably come before The United Lutheran Church in America for disposition we recommend that it be referred to the said general body.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Kinard,
J. F. Crigler,
J. L. Cromer,
J. D. Heilig,
Chas. E. Fritz,
N. I. Kagey,
A. A. Mock.

Synod adjourned at 11 P. M., being led in prayer by the Rev. J. L. Cromer.

SIXTH SESSION

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13, 1918, 9:30 A. M.

The Synod convened and prayer was offered by the Rev. W. A. Lutz. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved as amended.

It was moved and voted that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for the nominees of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Secretary cast the ballot for the following nominees, who were declared elected: Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. Edward Fulenwider, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Mr. J. E. Cooper and Mr. H. L. Bonham.

The President announced the sending of the following telegram to the President of the General Synod and of the General Council:

United Synod sends greetings. We hope to join you tomorrow.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. J. C. Seegers, was adopted:

Resolved, That the United Synod directs the attention of the officers of the District Synods to the necessity of placing before our people the pressing needs and great possibilities of our mission work here and in Japan, and urges them to contribute in the next biennium with even greater liberality, so that these needs may be met and these possibilities be realized. Further, be it

Resolved, That the officers of District Synods advise that the contributions to missions, as well as to the other causes for which apportionments have been made, be continued on the basis operative during the closing biennium, until The United Lutheran Church shall have determined upon a basis for apportionment.

On motion of Dr. Hoppe it was voted that the Committee on Amended Charter of the Orphan Home be constituted a Committee to communicate the amendment adopted by the United Synod to the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Dr. J. A. Huffard, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Board of Theological Seminary. The report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary

Among the various interests and institutions of our Lutheran Church in the South our Theological Seminary has naturally and rightfully claims of fundamental and first importance. Born of the necessities of the hour the Seminary has had marked evidences of divine favor and providential care.

Hitherto the Lord has helped this "school of the prophets" and the report presented for the consideration of your committee is of such character as to inspire hope and give courage that God has yet a greater and far more glorious work for the Seminary to accomplish.

The present enrollment of twenty-two students, of whom eight are in the senior class, is occasion for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, especially when we consider the war conditions which have obtained in the recent past. The earnest prayer of your committee and, indeed, of our whole Southern Church, is that the Lord will graciously and greatly increase the present number of students in our Seminary.

Your committee notes with sorrow the death of the Rev. Prof. L. G. M. Miller, D.D., of the faculty of the Seminary. We are deeply and gratefully conscious of the faithful and efficient work done by the deceased as a member of the Seminary faculty during a period of about fourteen years, and we are assured, now that he rests from his labors, that his works follow after him. His entire life in the ministry of the Gospel was a gracious benediction upon our Church at large.

Your committee would make appreciative note of the splendid services rendered by the Rev. John W. Horine, D.D., and the Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., in the way of filling vacancies in the teaching force of the Seminary, and while we regret keenly the resignation of Rev. J. S. Seegers, D.D., we rejoice greatly to learn that the Rev. C. K. Bell, D.D., has been unanimously elected to the second professorship in the Seminary and has indicated his acceptance.

Your committee desires to call special attention to the "Seegers' Bequest" of five thousand dollars to our Seminary, and prays that God will use this worthy example by way of stimulating others of our Church to larger gifts in the sphere of Christian stewardship with reference to material holdings.

The friends of our Seminary have all deeply regretted during recent years the large debt carried by the Seminary and the same gradually increasing from year to year; but now our hearts are made glad by the prospect presented in the report of a speedy provision to cancel the debt and provide a nucleus for Seminary endowment; and your committee urges upon all Synods, pastors and parishes, the necessity of presenting a solid front in enabling the present campaign to reach the $50,000, and urges continued interest, activity and loyalty in behalf of our Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Huffard,
C. A. Brown,
J. J. Long,
B. D. Wessinger,
J. S. Etter,
E. L. Bowman,
H. L. Bonham.

On motion the Synod reconsidered yesterday's action in regard to invitations from Roanoke College and the Orphan Home. It was voted that when we adjourn we adjourn at 12 o'clock in order to give members of Synod opportunity to visit the College and Home.

At this point Dr. C. A. Freed, General Manager of campaign to raise $50,000 endowment for the Theological Seminary, presented the cause to the Synod.

Dr. C. K. Bell presented the report of the Committee on Tracts, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Tracts

Your committee to arrange for the publication and free distribution of tracts dealing with subjects connected with the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation would report that an effort was made to secure funds for this purpose, but without any response. However, it is noted that a variety of such pertinent tract literature, at a nominal cost, has been widely disseminated.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. K. BELL,
C. A. FREED.

The Committee on Church Literature reported through its Chairman, the Rev. E. J. Sox. The report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Church Literature

It is the mature conviction of your committee that there has never been a time when the Church needed to direct her energies more toward the production and distribution of sound reading matter than at the present. If the prophet could say, in days of old, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge", the Church of today ought to be able to see the great danger of the spiritual life of her people being destroyed from the same cause. In these momentous times in which we live it is absolutely necessary for the safety of the ideals of our state and much more for the preservation of the priceless truths of our holy religion that our people read and think along the lines of sound wisdom. The truth alone can make and keep us free, and that it may accomplish this we must know it.

We rejoice in the knowledge that our own *Lutheran Church Visitor*, with its messages of truth, has such a large number of readers among our people, and we cherish the hope that our United Lutheran Church in America, in its wisdom, will continue the publication of this or a similar paper for our people in the South.

It is the opinion of your committee that our Church should produce a larger number of popular tracts, setting forth the truth upon the vital issues of our day and generation, and arrange for their very widest distribution, not only among our own people, but among others as well. We are today face to face with the disturbing fact that we are and have been very much misunderstood as a Church, and this condition is largely due to the reason that we have hid our light under a bushel. The great Reformation was propagated by the circulation of Evangelical truth in tract form by Dr. Martin Luther. The marvelous success of that great movement should lead us to the consideration of the advisability of pursuing a similar course. We would earnestly submit this to the serious consideration of our United Lutheran Church of America. We have the truth. Let us not bury it in the earth, wrapped up in a napkin, and thus prove ourselves unworthy of the great trust committed to us.

We confidently expect from the union into which we are about to enter a better and more abundant production of church literature for use in the Sunday Schools, mission study classes and along the lines indicated above.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Sox,
Jas. D. Kinard,
J. L. Morgan,
J. T. Miller,
B. S. Brown.
Committee.

Dr. R. L. Fritz reported for the Committee on Minutes of Last Convention. The report was received and considered by items. The several items were answered as indicated in the report, which was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention

1. Page 88, item 7, Report on Letters and Petitions: Has the $20 been paid? *Yes.*

2. Page 99, item 7, No. 2, in regard to Robert C. Holland Fund: What method is being used and what progress has been made? *See Report Board Foreign Missions.*

3. Page 104, item 4: What was done in regard to Committee on Church Polity? *Committee was appointed; no report.*

4. Page 105, item 5: What has been done with reference to suitable resort for Lutherans in the South? *Committee was appointed; no report.*

5. Minutes of Quadri-Centennial Convention, on page 4 the name of the Rev. J. W. Link should appear in place of that of the Rev. E. A. Repass in the Virginia Synod's delegation, and on pages 7 and 13 the name of the

Rev. J. L. Sieber in place of that of the Rev. C. K. Hunton as a member of the Committee on Mode of Procedure. *Received as information.*

6. Were the minutes of the Quadri-Centennial Convention approved by Synod, and should they be published with the minutes of this Synod? *A corrected copy to be filed in archives of Synod and to be an approved record of the proceedings of the special convention.*

R. L. Fritz,
C. W. Cassell,
B. S. Brown, Jr.,
W. L. Dixon,
B. W. Kadel,
N. I. Kagey,
B. E. Petrea.

The Executive Committee of Synod, through Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, presented the following names as the nominees of the United Synod for the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church: the Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., and the Hon. C. M. Efird. On motion the nominations were ratified and Dr. Morehead and Mr. Efird were declared to be the nominees of the United Synod.

The President read to Synod the following telegram:

New York, Nov. 12, 1918.

Dr. M. G. G. Scherer,
United Synod, Roanoke, Va.

Kindly present compliments of General Council, now in session in New York, to United Synod of the South and advise your body that the General Council with absolute unanimity has passed all changes in former resolutions and the constitutional amendment affecting dissolution and merger as proposed by committee on legal relations to the three bodies merging.

(Signed) H. A. Weller, for Committee.

The Committee on Corporation of Orphan Home presented its report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home

Your committee takes pleasure in calling attention to the successful administration of the affairs of our Orphan Home by those to whose care they have been committed. The uninterrupted execution of the work of the Home for the 30 years of its existence calls for devout thanksgiving to Him who is the Father of the orphan. We are pleased to note that faithful

catechization has been maintained by Pastor Hunton and that in 1917 ten children were confirmed, and in 1918, seven. The excellent work done by the Special Property Committee should receive our heartiest appreciation, because through their efforts valuable addition has been made to our property assets. We commend to our whole Church the worthy example of those who have remembered the Home in their wills, and those others who have expressed their intention of doing so, and those of still others who have taken out life annuities. The fine results attained in the production of good crops on the farm through the skillful management of the Industrial Superintendent, Mr. J. D. Bowers, are a matter of great gratification.

As to the amendments carried in the report we offer the following:

Whereas, Some of the amendments to the charter of the Home have already been acted upon by this body; and,

Whereas, Your committee is not sufficiently familiar with the charter of the Home to act intelligently upon the others;

We recommend that your committee recently appointed to bring to the attention of the corporation of the Home the action already taken by the Synod at this session be authorized and instructed to make such changes in other provisions of the charter as may be necessary to bring the whole into harmony.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. S. Bowers,
C. O. Miller,
R. G. Rhyne,
Henry E. Dreeson,
Chas. K. Bell,
C. Brown Cox,
H. J. Black.

Dr. Geo. J. Gongaware presented the report of the Committee on President's Report. The report was received and considered by items. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was adopted by rising vote. Items 3 and 4 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Committee on the President's Report

1. We are deeply impressed by the fact that his closing term of office has been fraught with many perplexing problems in both Church and State, and that they have imposed additional duties of the gravest kind upon our presiding officer, who has performed them in a masterful way, and who has thereby rendered the Church at large a signal service and has greatly enhanced the prestige of the United Synod in the work preliminary to the organization of The United Lutheran Church and who has, therefore, earned the sincere gratitude of this body.

2. We note the fitting reference to the return of the normal state of health of our nation, and would remind ourselves that in the recent widespread epidemic we are to see the hand of God, and know that it is He that healeth our sicknesses, and that in Him alone men and nations live and move and have their being.

3. We recommend to the serious attention of our body the dearest and patriotic sentiments of the report regarding the war and the Administration at Washington, and would recommend that we reaffirm our conviction that the legitimate rewards of the awful struggle now ending in a world peace are liberty and justice and honor among all nations and the right of self-government and unhindered development for all peoples, and that to this end the principles of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ must be recognized as fundamental and its Golden Rule as necessary to a permanent peace among Christian nations, and that for its more earnest preaching throughout the world and its more consistent exemplification before our fellowmen we hereby solemnly pledge ourselves anew.

4. That we recognize the goodness of our God in staying the ravages of war and pestilence, and in opening the new day of peace for all the earth, and that we call upon all our churches to observe with increased diligence the Thanksgiving Proclamation of the President of the United States, and to meet in their own accustomed places of public worship on the 28th inst., and there render devout thanksgiving to the Father of all mercies for the gift of His Son as the Prince of Peace and Savior of the world, and for the blessing of peace with which He has crowned this year of His grace and this day of the life of our beloved Church.

5. Our Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Cooper, having been compelled by sickness to relinquish his office, we hereby express our sincere appreciation of his faithful and efficient service, and our sincere sympathy in his sickness, and the assurance of our prayers for his restoration to health.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. J. Gongaware,
M. J. Epting,
J. C. Peery,
L. A. Fox,
A. A. Mock,
C. E. Reitzel.

Mr. H. L. Bonham presented the report of the Committee on Treasurer's Report. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report

The undersigned Committee on Treasurer's Report respectfully report that the report of Treasurer John D. Cappelmann referred to them showing

balance on hand of $2,586.58 has been carefully examined and found correct, all disbursements therein mentioned and in the account of his predecessor, Mr. J. E. Cooper, from the report at the Fifteenth Convention of this Synod (see Minutes, page 21) to the date of his resignation, being found properly vouched.

Of the above balance of $2,586.58, draft for $919.08 is on deposit with First National Bank of Roanoke, Va., and the balance on deposit with the South Carolina Loan & Trust Company, at Charleston, S. C., in the name of this Synod, subject to the joint check of its President and Treasurer.

Since the rendition of his report showing above balance the balance owing by the Southwestern Virginia Synod of $153 has been paid to the Treasurer, increasing the amount on hand to $2,739.58.

Your committee recommends that it be referred to the President and Treasurer and the Hon. C. M. Efird, of Lexington, S. C., to ascertain the status of the account with the South Carolina Synod, and that there be repaid to the Treasurer of said Synod any refund to which said Synod shall be found entitled.

The Treasurer exhibited to our committee the securities in his hands from his predecessor, viz., $2,000, known as the Swygert Fund, and $10,000 known as the Cover Fund, less $300 on deposit with the funds in South Carolina Loan & Trust Company, at Charleston, S. C., at 4% interest quarterly.

We recommend that any unpaid salaries usually paid to the statistical and recording secretaries be ordered paid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Bonham,
E. W. Peery,
N. I. Kagey,
J. M. Rhodes.

The Hon. J. D. Cappelmann presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Synod, on the order of its President, is directed to pay one thousand dollars to E. Clarence Miller, Chairman of Finance Committee of the Joint Lutheran Committee on celebration of the Quadri-Centennial assumed by this Synod, and also to pay the balance on note of $350 loaned by Mr. L. F. Cooper with the interest thereon, also any necessary incidental expenses already incurred or which may be hereafter incurred in and about and incident to the meeting and operations looking to and in effecting the proposed merger of this Synod into The United Lutheran Church in America, including the printing of the minutes of the present session of this Synod.

Synod adjourned at 12 o'clock, with the benediction, to reassemble at 3 o'clock.

SEVENTH SESSION

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13, 1918, 3 P. M.

The President called the Synod to order, and prayer was offered by the Rev. W. E. Pugh.

The following report on Board of Publication was presented and adopted by items. The report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Board of Publication

The Board of Publication is to be commended for the able prosecution of its work during the past biennium in view of the unprecedented conditions of labor and the difficulty experienced in securing supplies. The financial exhibit gives a complete and simple statement of all receipts and disbursements.

1. We note with regret the resignation from the Board of its President, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, and hereby express our deep appreciation of his eminent, untiring, and worthy services while a member of the Board.

2. We would call especial attention to the published volume, Biblical Dogmatics, by Dr. A. G. Voigt, Dean of our Theological Seminary, and urge upon our pastors and people a wider dissemination of this valuable book.

3. The increase of subscription prices of the *Church Visitor* and *Tidings* receives our hearty approval, understanding as we do the financial necessity of such action by the Board.

4. We approve the action of the Board in regard to the merging of its interests with the corporation to be known as the Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America.

5. We recommend that the United Synod earnestly request of The United Lutheran Church in America that the *Lutheran Church Visitor* be continued as a publication in the service of the Southern Church.

6. In order that the least difficulty may be experienced and more efficient service rendered we urge upon our constituency the necessity of meeting all obligations as quickly as possible in all business transactions with the Board.

7. We recommend the following for membership on the Board of Publication: Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., P. C. Price, C. J. Kimball, Esq., A. H. Kohn, D. F. Efird, Rev. J. L. Cromer, Prof. S. J. Derrick.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SEEGERS,
W. A. LUTZ,
R. M. CARPENTER,
W. E. PUGH,
LOUIS M. SWINK,
J. A. CLINE,
J. M. RHODES.

It was moved and voted that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod for the nominees named in the report. The ballot was cast and these nominees were elected as the Lutheran Board of Publication: Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., P. C. Price, A. H. Kohn, D. F. Efird, Rev. J. L. Cromer, Prof. S. J. Derrick, C. J. Kimball, Esq.

The following recommendation made by the Ways and Means Committee was adopted, viz.: that the matter of expenses of delegates from the District Synods to the first convention of the United Church be referred to the District Synods.

The following resolutions, offered by the Ways and Means Committee, were adopted:

1. *Resolved,* That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to furnish copies of the minutes of this convention, typewritten or printed, as may be required, in order to carry out the provisions of items 3 and 4 under C, 2, of the Uniform Report.

2. *Resolved,* That 7, 8 and 9 under C, of the Uniform Report be adopted as the action of this body and the instructions by them required be hereby given to treasurers of congregations, to officers, boards, commissions, committees and other agencies.

3. *Resolved,* That the United Synod commit the duties with which the Ways and Means Committee has been charged to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church, the Committee on Ways and Means to be relieved of duty and discharged as soon as the Executive Board is charged with this responsibility.

The following report, presented by the Rev. A. R. Beck, was received and adopted:

Report of the Committee on District Synods

From the minutes of the respective synods placed in our hands, and from other sources of information available to your committee, we are assured that our synods have enjoyed a biennium of material prosperity. Financial conditions have been favorable generally to our people and they have responded to the calls and needs of the churches in a way encouraging and commendable.

While the time has not been favorable to building, yet the erection or improvement of churches and church properties have continued and kept pace with the constructive work of business enterprises. Larger contributions both for local support and for beneficence are almost universally reported. Some synodical treasurers report larger amounts passing through

their hands during the last year than ever before. One synod reports an increase of one hundred per cent. during the last biennium. All the synods have supported the various institutions of the United Synod in a way and to a degree that is most gratifying.

It is the opinion of your committee that the distress and the anguish of the war has caused serious reflection among our people and has tended to deepen their spirituality and to render more vital their faith in the Lord of Hosts and in the Saviour of souls. The synods have not suffered a serious dearth of pastors, but the faithful preaching of the word, the administration of the sacraments in accordance therewith, the catechising of the young and the faithful pastoral oversight of the people for their spiritual welfare has generally been enjoyed. One synod, that of the Mississippi, is a marked exception to this rule. It is our information that this synod is now about to be without a pastor. It is the sincere hope and prayer of your committee that this deplorable condition may be speedily remedied.

The relation of the synods, the one to the other, have been most cordial. The loving spirit of the Master has pervaded the constituency of the bodies and prevailed over their activities to the continuation of good will, brotherly fellowship, and hearty co-operation among them all. Even efforts at organic union of some of the synods have met with marked encouragement, and it is hoped may yet become effective.

All our synods have voted without a dissenting voice to enter the merger. This will necessitate an adjustment to the changed conditions, and a more thorough execution of the work of the district synods in their respective territories.

We would recommend that the practice of the exchange of fraternal delegates be continued, and even further introduced where found practical.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. Beck,
C. A. Brown,
W. C. Davis,
W. E. Pugh,
M. C. Mauney,
J. S. Etter.

W. T. Stauffer, Esq., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the United Synod be charged with the duty of requesting each District Synod at its proper convention to elect the usual number of delegates to the United Synod as heretofore, and from the delegates so elected to elect its proper quota of delegates to The United Lutheran Church in America.

The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

1. *Resolved,* That our sincere thanks are due the pastor of St. Mark's congregation, the members of the choir for their excellent music, the congregation for their hospitable entertainment.

2. *Resolved,* That this body also desires to thank the daily press—*The Roanoke Times* and *World News*—for the space given us and the full report of the sessions of this Synod.

3. *Resolved,* That we extend to the railroad representative, Mr. H. S. Greenwood, our grateful appreciation for the service he has rendered our body in securing tickets to New York.

4. *Resolved,* That the thanks of this body be extended to the ladies of this congregation for services rendered in caring for and distributing mail, assisting in copying reports of committees and for use of typewriter and stationery.

5. *Resolved,* That this body compensate the janitor of this congregation to the amount of $10 for his services during sessions of Synod.

Acting on item 3, page 3, Uniform Report, Synod voted to authorize the President to appoint the commissioners. These commissioners were appointed: To the General Synod, Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. B. D. Wessinger, Rev. W. C. Davis, Hon. L. M. Swink, Mr. T. J. Cooper; to the General Council, Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Rev. J. A. Huffard, D.D., Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, Col. H. E. Dreeson.

On motion it was voted that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for the members of the retiring Board of Education as the Board of Education of the United Synod for the next biennium. The ballot was cast and the following were declared elected: Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D., Geo. B. Cromer, Esq., Rev. L. L. Lohr, D.D., Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., Rev. W. H. Riser, Prof. E. S. Dreher, Dr. E. W. Peery.

Synod adjourned at 5 P. M., after singing the hymn, " Now Thank We All Our God ", Dr. Morehead offering prayer.

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EIGHTH SESSION

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, NEW YORK CITY,
NOV. 14, 1918, 11:30 A. M.

The eighth session of the United Synod was called to order by the

Church of the Advent, New York City

President and was opened with a brief devotional service conducted by the President and the Rev. Dr. Geo. J. Gongaware. The roll of Synod was called. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and were adopted as amended.

It was moved and voted that the disposition of the plates of the Book of Worship be left to the Lutheran Board of Publication with power to act, and if they desire to sell, to turn the proceeds over to the United Synod.

At this point there appeared before the Synod the Commissioners of the General Council: Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas, Rev. Dr. E. F. Krauss, S. P. Sadtler, LL.D., and E. Aug. Miller, Esq. Dr. Jacobs, speaking for the Commission, read a resolution adopted by the General Council. The President made fitting response. On motion of the Hon. C. M. Efird it was voted that the United Synod express its thanks to Dr. Jacobs and the Commission and have the resolution entered on the minutes. The resolution follows:

Resolved, That the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America is now ready to meet with the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America and the United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South, in joint session to merge and organize The United Lutheran Church in America under the Constitution adopted by the three general bodies.

The Commissioners of the United Synod to the General Synod and to the General Council received their instructions and left to convey the greetings of the United Synod to the said general bodies.

Synod adjourned at 12:15, with prayer by Dr. Huffard, to reassemble at 1 o'clock.

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NINTH SESSION

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, NEW YORK CITY,
NOV. 14, 1918, 1:15 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. There were presented to the Synod the Commissioners of the General Synod: Rev. Dr. Jacob A. Clutz, Rev. Dr. T. B. Birch, Rev. Dr. S. W. Herman, Rev.

E. Klotschke, and Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Esq. Dr. Clutz gave official notice that the General Synod had taken all preliminary steps necessary to enter the merger. President Scherer made fitting response. On motion it was voted that the thanks of Synod be extended to the Commission and that its message be made a part of the minutes of this convention.

The Rev. A. Steimle, D.D., pastor *loci,* addressed the Synod. On motion the thanks of Synod were extended to Pastor Steimle and the Church of the Advent for their hospitable reception and entertainment of the United Synod.

It was voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at the call of the Chair.

It was voted that the President be asked to act for this body in receiving the report of the Commissioners to the two other general bodies.

It was moved and voted that in the event that the minutes of this convention be printed separately, an edition of 4,000 copies be printed and distributed, and that the proceedings of the Seventh Biennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Conference, if request be made, be printed in connection with the printed minutes of the United Synod.

The minutes of this day's sessions were read and approved as amended.

Adjourned at 3 o'clock, with the benediction by the Rev. W. J. Finck, D.D.

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TENTH SESSION

ENGINEERS' HALL, NEW YORK CITY,
NOV. 16, 1918, 5:15 P. M.

The tenth session of the United Synod was opened by the President. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. Synod proceeded to the election of officers. The following were elected to office: President, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D.; Vice-President, Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D.; Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. D. Kinard, D.D.; Treasurer, Hon. John D. Cappelmann.

It was voted that the Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., be declared the nominee of the United Synod to the National Lutheran Council.

Dr. Morehead reported for the Ways and Means Committee that manuscript copies of the proceedings of this week's convention of the three merging general bodies should be placed in the hands of the Secretary of The United Lutheran Church in order that there may be issued, in one volume, the said proceedings of the said general bodies and also those of The United Lutheran Church.

At this point President M. M. Kinard took the chair. He appointed the following Executive Committee of Synod: Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D. (*ex-officio*), Rev. E. H. Kohn, Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., W. T. Stauffer, Esq., Mr. H. L. Bonham.

The Secretary was instructed to complete the file of minutes in the library of the Theological Seminary by supplying the minutes of the 1916 convention, the special 1917 convention, and of this convention.

It was moved and voted that in the election of the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., our esteemed retiring President, to the responsible office of Secretary of The United Lutheran Church in America, the United Synod is honored and extends to Dr. Scherer its affectionate regards and heartiest good wishes.

It was voted that Dr. Scherer's synodical sermon be requested for publication in the *Lutheran Church Visitor*.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to telegraph the greetings and congratulations of this body to the Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination, Nov. 17, 1918.

On motion the time and place of the next meeting of the United Synod were left to the Executive Committee.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

At 7 P. M., the Synod adjourned and was closed by the President with the form provided in the Book of Worship.

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SPECIAL SESSION

ENGINEERS' HALL, NEW YORK CITY,
NOV. 18, 1918, 5:45 P. M.

A special session of the United Synod was called to order by President Kinard. The following resolution, offered by Dr. Morehead, was adopted:

Resolved, That the United Synod hereby requests the District Synods to approve, and directs its Secretary to send to the Presidents of the District Synods an exact copy of, and to request the said Presidents to submit to their respective Synods for approval, and to report to the Secretary of the United Synod as soon as possible their respective Synod's approval of, the following resolutions adopted by the United Synod on November 7, 1917, and on November 12, 1918, to wit:

Resolved, That the delegates of the United Synod shall on Thursday, November 14th, 1918, at 3:30 P. M., in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, at the northwest corner of Sixty-fifth Street and Central Park West, in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, join the delegates of the General Synod and the delegates of the General Council, and then and there the said delegates of the said three bodies shall together, as the delegates of the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, hold the first convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Resolved, That if similar action is taken by the General Synod and the General Council, (1) the United Synod shall promptly, to the fullest extent requested from time to time by a duly authorized committee appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America, (*a*) unite with the General Synod and the General Council in continuing its activities in and through The United Lutheran Church in America, (*b*) convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (the United Synod's) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America, except such properties, rights and trusts as are not within the purview of the basis of the merger, and (*c*) cause all its (the United Synod's) boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to, The United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America; and (2) the United Synod shall henceforth act separately only in such matters and to such an extent as the said committee will permit.

Resolved, That if similar action is taken by the General Synod and the General Council, (1) the United Synod shall, whenever and as often as requested by the said committee appointed by The United Lutheran Church in America, do all such things and take all such action as the said committee will request from time to time for the purpose of (*a*) carrying the last preceding Resolution into effect, and (*b*) facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally

merging the United Synod and any or all of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies.

Resolved, That henceforth all regular and special conventions of the United Synod shall be called and held only at such times and places as the said committee will designate.

Resolved, That the officers, trustees, directors, committees and representatives of the United Synod and its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies, are hereby authorized and directed to take from time to time whatever action is necessary to enforce the three last preceding Resolutions.

It was resolved that the United Synod authorize the transfer of its property rights in the plates of the Common Service Book to The United Lutheran Church in America.

It was voted that the Treasurer of Synod act under the advice of C. M. Efird, Esq., in the transfer of the Swygert and Cover trust funds.

Synod adjourned at 6 P. M.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct and faithful record of the proceedings of the Sixteenth Biennial Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in St. Mark's church, Roanoke, Va., Nov. 10-13, 1918, and in the city of New York, Nov. 14, 16 and 18, 1918.

JOHN W. HORINE,
Secretary.

Report of Statistical Secretary

Your Statistical Secretary would report that he has compiled statistics on Home Missions of United Synod, Foreign Missions of United Synod, Home Missions of District Synods, Literary Institutions, Theological Seminary, Orphans' Home, Lowman Home, and a report on Parochial Statistics, which are hereby submitted as my report.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. D. KINARD.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of All Property	Appropriations By United Synod	Appropriations By District Synod	Appropriations Total
1	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickey	71	81	1	1	1	$2,800	.....	$150	$150
2	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickey	9	.....	1	1	...	540	.....	150	150
3	St. Matthews'	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickey	29	25	1	1	...	900	.....	.....	.....
4	Landis	1908	Landis, N. C.	Rev. C. I. Morgan	110	175	1	1	1	2,700	.....	100	100
5	Concordia	1882	Landis, N. C.	Rev. C. I. Morgan	201	198	1	1	...	2,000	.....	.....	.....
6	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C.	Rev. W. C. Buck	40	.....	1	1	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....
7	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	Rev. W. C. Buck	9	.....	1	1	...	1,000	.....	.....	.....
8	Shiloh	1777	Forsythe Co., N. C.	Rev. W. C. Buck	43	17	1	1	...	800	.....	150	150
9	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	Rev. P. J. Bame	118	92	1	1	1	11,500	.....	200	200
10	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C.	Rev. P. D. Brown	115	90	1	1	1	13,500	.....	376	376
11	Grace	1911	Thomasville, N. C.	Rev. N. D. Bodie	28	38	1	...	...	2,000	.....	1,200	1,200
12	First Church	1910	Greensboro, N. C.	Vacant	99	98	1	1	1	20,000	$540	.....	540
13	Holy Trinity	1912	Raleigh, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan	54	34	1	1	...	15,000	360	500	860
14	Liberty	1912	Liberty, N. C.	Rev. G. H. C. Park	28	46	1	1	...	4,000	.....	.....	.....
15	Kimball Memorial	1914	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan	166	270	1	1	...	11,000	180	180	360
16	Holy Trinity	1915	Charlotte, N. C.	Rev. W. A. Lutz	68	90	1	...	...	15,000	.....	180	180
	16 Missions.			10 Pastors.	1,188	1,544	16	14	6	$124,240	$1,080	$3,186	$4,266

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

1	Gastonia	....	Gastonia, N. C.	J. C. Dietz	166	130	1	1	...	$15,000	$180	$70	$250
2	St. Stephen's	1908	Lenoir, N. C.	J. D. Miller	66	38	2	1	1	7,000	.....	200	200
3	Trinity	....	Lenoir, N. C.	J. D. Miller	19	28	...	...	...	1,800	.....	.....	.....
4	Mt. Zion	....	Lenoir, N. C.	J. D. Miller	18	.....	...	...	...	2,000	.....	.....	.....
5	Bethany	....	Hickory, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	240	155	1	...	...	1,200	.....	325	325
6	Mt. Hebron	....	Henry River, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	105	40	1	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Calvary	....	Morganton, N. C.	Supplied	23	.....	1	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Hendersonville	....	Hendersonville, N. C.	Supplied	15	25	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	St. Luke's	....	Monroe, N. C.	Vacant	86	60	1	1	1	7,000	.....	375	375
10	Morning Star	....	Monroe, N. C.	Vacant	42	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Watuga Pastorate	....	Sands, N. C.	N. D. Yount	333	170	4	4	...	2,500	.....	300	300
12	Bethel	....	Manassas, Va.	E. Z. Pence	71	.....	...	...	...	4,500	.....	350	350
13	Trinity	....	Elkwood, Va.	E. Z. Pence	15	.....	...	...	...	750	.....	35	35
14	Mt. Zion	....	Nokesville, Va.	E. Z. Pence	48	40	...	...	...	1,500	.....	200	200
15	St. Luke's	....	Culpeper, Va.	E. Z. Pence	62	100	...	...	...	1,000	.....	223	223
	15 Missions.			5 Pastors.	1,309	786	11	8	2	$44,050	$180	$2,078	$3,258

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of All Property	Appropriations		
											By United Synod	By District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. T. Hallman, D.D.	66	61	1	1	...	$15,000	$240	$500	$740
2	Immanuel	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	Vacant	79	31	1	1	...	6,500	.....	625	625
3	St. Luke's	1902	Olympia, S. C.	M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.	136	158	1	1	1	7,500	.....	400	400
4	Holy Trinity	1910	New Brookland, S. C.	M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.	51	54	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Mayer Memorial	1900	Newberry, S. C.	W. H. Dutton	82	124	1	1	1	2,100	.....	.....	.....
6	Summer Memorial	1910	Newberry, S. C.	W. H. Dutton	47	89	1	1	...	1,600	.....	250	250
7	St. James'	1894	Sumter, S. C.	J. H. Wilson, D.D.	91	43	1	1	...	6,000	.....	150	150
8	St. Luke's	1905	Florence, S. C.	H. E. Beatty	88	60	1	1	1	11,500	.....	180	180
9	First Church	1909	Greenville, S. C.	C. L. Miller	100	73	1	1	1	32,000	600	300	900
10	St. Barnabas	1912	Charleston, S. C.	Vacant	81	201	1	1	...	5,300	.....	.....	.....
11	St. Luke's	1893	Summerville, S. C.	Vacant	57	59	1	1	...	3,000	.....	120	120
12	Good Shepherd	1911	Swansea, S. C.	Supply	14	15	...	...	...	2,000	.....	75	75
13	Ascension	1912	Eau Claire, S. C.	W. H. Greever, D.D.	104	100	1	1	...	15,000	.....	300	300
14	Mt. Pleasant	1902	Saluda, S. C.	Geo. S. Bearden	64	45	1	1	1	3,500	.....	200	200
15	Trinity	1836	Saluda, S. C.	Geo. S. Bearden	108	50	1	1	...	800	.....	.....	.....
	15 Missions.			8 Pastors.	1,068	1,163	13	13	5	$81,800	$840	$3,100	$3,940

HOME MISSIONS OF VIRGINIA SYNOD

1	Trinity	....	Buena Vista, Va.	C. W. Cassell	40	35	1	1	...	$15,000	.....	$600	$600
2	Capon Pastorate	....	Wardensville, W. Va.	Vacant	132	95	4	4	1	8,300	.....	150	150
3	Muhlenburg	....	Harrisonburg, Va.	J. L. Smith	130	145	1	1	1	10,000	.....	180	180
4	Trinity	....	Newport News, Va.	J. A. Shealy	133	81	1	1	...	12,000	.....	240	240
5	N. River Pastorate	....	Rio, W. Va.	N. E. Cooper	129	234	3	3	1	2,000	.....	300	300
6	Luther Memorial	....	Portsmouth, Va.	W. A. Craun	100	105	...	...	...	.....	600	.....	600
7	Grace	....	Waynesboro, Va.	E. L. Ritchie	110	65	1	1	1	15,000	.....	250	250
8	Emanuel	....	Woodstock, Va.	S. W. Kuhns	128	111	1	1	1	15,000	.....	150	150
9	Rockingham	....	Rockingham Co., Va.	Vacant	87	120	1	1	...	4,000	.....	300	300
	9 Missions.			7 Pastors.	989	991	13	13	5	$76,300	$600	$2,170	$2,770

HOME MISSIONS OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of All Property	Appropriations		
											By United Synod	By District Synod	Total
1	Holy Trinity	1903	Lynchburg, Va.	Vacant	80	42	1	1	1	$8,000	.....	$350	$350
2	Church of Redeemer	1903	Bristol, Va.	J. L. Yost	112	82	1	1	...	12,000	480	300	780
3	Woman's Memorial	1888	Pulaski, Va.	J. I. Coiner	98	106	1	1	...	7,400	.....	100	100
4	Christ Church	1888	Radford, Va.	J. I. Coiner	69	29	1	1	...	4,000	.....	100	100
5	Wartburg	1887	Graham, Va.	K. Y. Umberger, Supply	55	62	1	1	...	5,000	.....	.....	.....
	5 Missions.		4 Pastorates.	3 Pastors.	404	321	5	5	1	$36,400	$480	$850	$1,330

HOME MISSIONS OF GEORGIA SYNOD

1	St. James'	....	Brunswick, Ga.	C. N. Yount	45	60	1	1	...	$12,000	.....	$800	$800
2	Grace	....	Lakeland, Fla.	H. C. Bell	45	50	2	1	1	8,500	$120	500	620
3	Trinity	....	St. Petersburg, Fla.	W. E. Pugh	57	57	2	1	1	12,200	180	500	680
4	Macon	....	Macon, Ga.	H. N. Miller	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	300	300
	4 Missions.			4 Pastors.	147	167	5	3	2	$32,700	$300	$2,100	$2,400

HOME MISSIONS OF HOLSTON SYNOD

1	Church of the Ascension	1914	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Vacant	67	40	1	...	1	$8,500	$500	$150	$650
2	Holy Trinity	1917	Kingsport, Tenn.	H. G. Davis	20	36	1	1	1	7,000	600	300	900
	2 Missions.			1 Pastor.	87	76	2	1	2	$15,500	$1,100	$450	$1,550

HOME MISSIONS OF MISSISSIPPI SYNOD

1	Trinity	1914	Jackson, Miss.	T. B. Epting	27	16	1	1	1	$25,000	$924	.....	$924
2	Zion	....	Lingle, Miss.	Vacant	89	51	1	1	1	1,000	36	.....	36
3	Providence	....	Burns, Miss.	Vacant	75	40	1	1	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
	3 Missions.		3 Pastorates	1 Pastor.	191	107	3	3	3	$27,000	$960	.....	$960

HOME MISSIONS UNDER THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Index Number	Name of Mission	Location	Synod	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Appropriations			
										For the Pastor's Support	Donations	Loans	Total
1	First Church	Greenville, S. C.	S. C.	C. L. Miller	100	65	1	1	1	$600	.....	$1,500	$2,100
2	Woman's Memorial	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. C.	S. T. Hallman, D.D.	56	45	1	1	...	240	.....	.....	240
3	Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	Tenn. Synod	J. C. Dietz	209	225	1	1	1	180	.....	.....	180
4	St. Stephen's	Lenoir, N. C.	Tenn. Synod	L. D. Miller	55	48	1	1	1	480	.....	800	1,280
5	Kimball Memorial	Kannapolis, N. C.	N. C.	G. H. C. Park	169	280	1	...	...	180	.....	1,500	1,680
6	First Church	Greensboro, N. C.	N. C.	Vacant	101	105	1	1	1	540	.....	.....	540
7	Luther Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	Va.	W. A. Craun	99	105	1	1	...	600	.....	.....	600
8	Graham	Graham, Va.	S. W. Va.	Vacant	65	51	1	1	...	300	.....	.....	300
9	Church of Redeemer	Bristol, Tenn.	S. W. Va.	J. L. Yost	100	60	1	1	...	480	.....	.....	480
10	Church of Redeemer	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	Vacant	67	40	...	...	...	500	.....	3,000	3,500
11	Trinity	Jackson, Miss.	Miss.	T. B. Epting	28	13	1	1	1	876	.....	1,500	2,376
12	Lingle Pastorate	Lingle, Miss.	Miss.	Vacant	292	79	2	2	1	108	.....	.....	108
13	Christ English	Birmingham, Ala.	Ga.	Vacant	83	50	1	...	...	600	.....	5,000	5,600
14	Church of Redeemer	Macon, Ga.	Ga.	H. N. Miller, Ph.D.	62	58	1	1	...	780	.....	1,500	2,280
15	Grace	Lakeland, Fla.	Ga.	H. C. Bell	...	...	1	1	1	120	.....	1,000	1,120
16	Trinity	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Ga.	W. E. Pugh	50	56	1	1	1	180	.....	700	880
17	Holy Trinity	Raleigh, N. C.	N. C.	J. L. Morgan	41	36	...	...	...	360	.....	.....	360
18	Holy Trinity	Kingsport, Tenn.	Holston	H. Grady Davis	20	36	1	1	1	600	$2,000	.....	2,600
	18 Missions.			13 Pastors.	1,597	1,152	17	15	9	$7,810	$2,000	$16,500	$26,224

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Number	Name of the Institution	When Founded	Location	President	Professors and Instructors	Other Teachers	Cap'y of Institute	Students, Male	Students, Female	Students, Total	Students for Min.	Alumni	Volumes in Library	Endowment	Value of All Property	Indebtedness
1	Newberry College....	1856	Newberry, S. C.....	S. J. Derrick, A.M.....	10	3	200	160	30	190	4	662	11,000	$147,000	$300,000	$57,000
2	Roanoke College.....	1853	Salem, Va.....	J. A. Morehead, D.D...	17	2	250	205	...	205	12	816	25,000	155,000	363,000	40,000
3	Collegiate Institute..	1853	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	G. F. McAllister, A.M..	5	...	100	80	...	80	5	155	4,800	5,000	50,000	10,000
4	Elizabeth College....	1897	Salem, Va.....	Paul Sieg, Acting.....	9	5	60	...	96	96	...	239	4,000	None	85,000	.....
5	Marion College.....	1874	Marion, Va.....	C. Brown Cox, A.M....	12	4	100	...	185	185	...	325	3,500	None	100,000	30,000
6	Mont Amœna Sem'y.	1859	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	R. A. Goodman, A.B...	8	...	60	...	87	87	...	274	350	None	40,000	13,000
7	Summerland College.	1912	Leesville, S. C.....	P. E. Monroe, A.M.....	9	...	70	...	101	101	...	39	2,000	None	45,000	None
8	Lenoir College.....	1891	Hickory, N. C.....	R. L. Fritz, D.D.....	17	2	350	80	121	201	22	400	3,600	60,000	150,000	17,000
					87	16	1,190	525	620	1,145	43	2,910	54,250	$367,000	$1,153,000	$167,000

STATISTICS OF THE LOWMAN HOME FOR THE AGED AND HELPLESS

Founded		1914
Location		White Rock, S. C.
Superintendent		Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., White Rock, S. C.
Number of Assistants		1
Number of Inmates (male, 1; female, 4)		5
Value of Property—		
Land	$22,000.00	
Buildings	3,600.00	
Other Property	5,600.00	
		$31,300.00
Indebtedness		3,000.00
Total Value of Property Above Indebtedness		$28,300.00
Endowment		None

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION, BIENNIUM ENDING NOV., 1918.

The Field:

1.	Principal Stations	6
2.	Auxiliary Stations	11
3.	Organized Congregations	4

Forces in the Field:

1.	Male Missionaries	5
2.	Wives of Missionaries	5
3.	Single Women Missionaries	3
4.	Native Pastors and Evangelists	10
5.	Native Bible Women and Kindergarten Teachers	8
6.	Baptized Members	687
7.	Church Buildings	4
9.	Native Pastors' Homes	4
10.	Kindergarten School Buildings	3
11.	Kindergarten Teachers' Homes	3

Kyushu Gakuin:

1.	Teachers	24
2.	Students	575
3.	Theological Students	4
4.	Candidates for Ministry	8

Sunday Schools:

1.	Schools	23
2.	Scholars	2,077

Value of Property:

1.	Kyushu Gakuin (original cost)	$91,654.43
2.	All Other Property	37,619.07
	Total	$129,273.50
3.	Present Estimated Value, All Property	$222,815.00
	Annual Running Expenses	$25,000.00

Associated Work:

1.	Missionaries of General Council	6
2.	Missionaries of Danish Synod	3
3.	Missionaries' Wives	9
4.	Evangelists	7
5.	Baptized Members	255
6.	Stations	7
7.	Outside Stations	8

STATISTICS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Location	Columbia, S. C.
Term Begins	Third Wednesday in September
Term Ends	Third Wednesday in May
Volumes in Library	5,500
Number of Professors	3

Enrollment of Students

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Total
1916-17	8	6	6	20
1917-18	7	8	5	20

	1917	1918	Total
Matriculated	8	7	15

	1916	1917	Total
Graduated	6	5	11

Regular Attendance Each Year	20
Non-Resident 1917-18	None

Enrollment by Synods

	(1916-17)	(1917-18)
North Carolina Synod	8	9
Tennessee Synod	7	8
South Carolina Synod	3	2
Virginia Synod	0	0
Mississippi Synod	0	0
Georgia Synod	2	1
Holston Synod	0	0
Southwestern Virginia Synod	0	0

Finances During Biennium

Bequests during Biennium	None
Gifts in Cash	$1,000.00
Present Endowment	$36,000.00
Indebtedness	$23,000.00

STATISTICS OF ORPHAN HOME OF UNITED SYNOD

Superintendent	J. T. Crabtree, Salem, Va.
Location	Salem, Va.
Established	1888

Lutheran Theological Seminary

Inmates—

Teachers and Assistants		7
Children: Male, 46; Female, 54; Total		100
Additions during the Biennium		About the Same Average
Losses during Biennium		By death, 1
Estimated Value of Property		$60,000.00

Finances—

Endowment		$19,100.00
Building Fund		$3,000.00

Gifts—

Gifts in Kind	$1,500.00	
Gifts in Cash	11,237.47	
		$12,737.47
Land Purchase		$18,250.00

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